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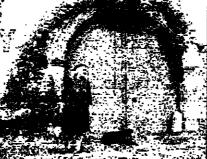
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Five Tories censured by Downey

# Sleaze report condemns Hamilton

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

NEIL HAMILTON and four other former Conservative MPs were censured yesterday in a damning report into parliamentary sleaze that would almost certainly have prompted their expulsion or stringent penalties had they still been in the Commons.

There was "compelling" evidence that Mr Hamilton, the former Tatton MP, who was defeated by the broadcaster Martin Bell at the election. had received direct cash pay-ments from Mohamed Al-Fayed, Sir Gordon Downey, the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards, concluded in his long-awanted findings on the cash-for-ques-

Mr Hamilton and Tim Smith, the former Northern Ireland minister, received and concealed payments in a way that fell below the standards expected of MPs. Sir Gordon found Mr. Hamilton was accused of making statements that were in varying degrees

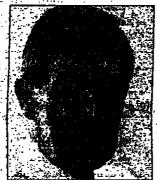
Sir Andrew Bowden, the former MP for Brighton Kemptown, failed to declare ministers and officials, in one case positively misled, and failed to register a £5,000 campaign donation that he probably knew came from Mr Al Fayed, the report said.

Sir Michael Grylls, former MP for Surrey North West, "deliberately misled" a Commons select committee over the number of commission payments he had received, and persistently failed to declare his interests in dealings with ministers and officials, it

Michael Brown, former MP for Brigg and Cleethorpes, "nersistently and deliberately" failed to declare his interests in dealing with ministers and officials, the report concluded. Five other former-Tory MPs were cleared. They are: Lady Olga Maitland, Norman Lamont, Nirj Deva, Gerald Malone, who were defeated at the election and Sir Peter Hordern, who stood down. Mr Smith stood down be-



Hamilton (above) took direct cash payments, says Downey (below)



fore the election after losing the support of his Beaconstield constituency party, and Sir Michael retired. But Mr Hamilton, Sir Andrew and Mr Brown were all defeated, Mr Hamilton after a celebrated contest with Mr Bell that dominated the early stages of the campaign and dented any hopes John Major had of staging a fightback against

Labour's massive lead. Mr Major was accused of deliberately staging a long campaign to avoid Sir Gordon's report being published before the election, a charge he denied. ; :

But it was apparent yesterday that Sir Gordon's verdict, particularly against Mr Hamilton, was so strong that the report would have had a disastrous impact in the elec-

tion run-up.
The criticisms levelled by Sir Gordon of both Mr Hamilton and Mr Smith were so

serious that they would almost

certain have led to recommendations from the Commons Standards and Privileges Committee that they be expelled from the Commons, senior politicians on both sides agreed last night.

The findings were described as "serious" by William Hague. The new Tory leader is constrained until the MPs have been given an opportunity over the next two weeks to make their representations to the committee, and the committee itself has reported. But senior Conservatives are certain that Mr Hague hopes that if the findings are upheld those most severely criticised will sever their connections

with the Tory party.

Mr Hague said: "The individuals concerned will wish to consider how they respond to Sir Gordon's serious findings. The Conservative Party wishes to see such matters fairly

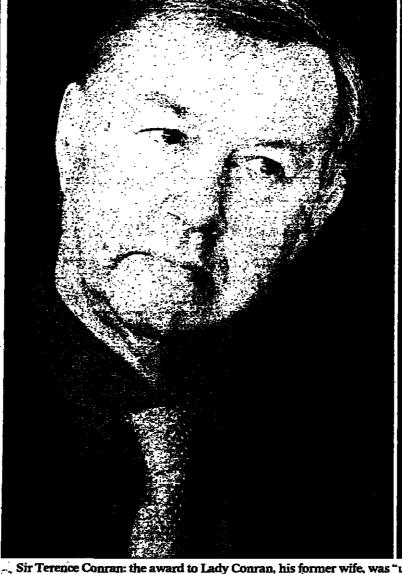
and rigorously dealt with."

Mr. Hamilton was still flencely protesting his innocence last night after Sir Gordon concluded that he had received direct payments of at least £25,000. He claimed a

Until yesterday Mr Hamilton and his supporters had claimed there was no evidence that he regularly took £50 notes stuffed in envelopes from the Egyptian-born busi-nessman. He was clearly harmed by Mr Smith's admission that he had accepted between £18,000 and £25,000 from Mr Al Fayed.

"In both the timing and the method of payment Mr Smith's case provides strong support for Mr Al Fayed's allegations against Mr Hamilton. Further, I have not received any convincing explanation as to why Mr Al Faved should make truthful allegations of cash payments to Mr Smith — but similar untruthful allegations in relation to Mr Hamilton," Sir Gordon found. Mr Hamilton

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Sir Terence Conran: the award to Lady Conran, his former wife, was "unbelievable just because she cooked a few meals", he said yesterday

### Conran v Conran — the £10m divorce

SIR TERENCE CONRAN spoke of his dismay yesterday after a judge ordered him to provide his third wife with a divorce package worth more than £10 million.

Lady Conran will keep homes in London and Dorset and receive a lump sum of £6.2 million, which includes £900,000 to buy a new property in the south of France. The award, by Mr Justice Wilson, is believed to be the largest

ever in a contested divorce. Sir Terence, the style guru who became Britain's leading restaurateur, said: "I feel verv upset that something that was perfectly amicable has escalated into this. She left me. That does not come out in the judgment. I was extremely upset after a long period of marriage. She took off on the 30th anniversary of our

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He said he now doubted he would be able to sit down in a

iects after the publication of the new edition of her cookery book. "I have never viewed her as an avaricious woman, but that now seems to

have occurred," he said. The Family Division of the High Court was told that the



It's the 10 per cent towards his divorce that Im quibbling about"

snoula be alvided but the size of the cash settlement was in dispute. The judge praised Lady

Conran, now a cookery writer, for giving up a career and making an outstanding contribution to both her family and the Conran business. He described Sir Terence, 68, as having a healthy ego and said he was dismissive of his wife's

contribution to the family and

Sir Terence said: "The figure is unbelievable jus because she cooked a few meals now and again and wrote a few books. I taught her how to cook. I felt the judge was trying to make a name for himself. I think it [the judgment] reads like a Mills and Boon novel. I find it offensive a

of language." Sir Terence, who has a fortune of £80 million, and the 52-year-old judge attended the same school, Bryanston, in Dorset, which has the motto

judge should write in that sort

and Modern). He said his wife already had an enormous amount of her own money and that he had made a perfectly reasonable offer, of more than £2.5 million, before the case went to court. "She asked for £50,000 a year, which I was perfectly happy with. It was only when it got into the hands of bright and manipulative lawyers that the amount was

Sir Terence, who is now living with Victoria Davis, an doubled he would marry again. "I am very happy to be living with Vicky Davis. I have other things in my life but ! think my wife became quite

The divorce had not clouded his memories of their 33 year marriage. "Only this has soured it," he said.

Lady Conran was said by friends to be delighted with the award.

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#### Australia 224 for 7

Australia reached 224 for seven on the first day of the third Test at Old Trafford, Steve Waugh scored 102 net out; Dean Headley took three wickets on his debut. Page 48

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# Budget sends shares to new high

ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT AND MICHAEL CLARK

THE stock market reached a record high yesterday as dealers ignored the threat of further interest rate rises and gave Labour's Budget a vote of confidence.

The FTSE 100 recovered from an early fall to close up 80.3 points at 4831.7, with even water and electricity shares shrugging off windfall tax worries. The bounce was the biggest yet after a Budget, beating 1993's record 66.3. point rise.

But the pound also surged to a six-year high against the mark as speculation continued that the Bank of England is set to raise interest rates next week.

City analysts said that investors had returned to the stock market in a positive mood because the Budget had hurt less than expected and because the Chancellor's decision not to target consumers with higher taxes should ensure that the high steet spend-

ing boom continues. Martin Lupton, head of market-making at brokers Dresdner Kleinwort Benson, said: "Investors are relieved that much of the bad news in the Budget is out of the way." Brokers reported strong interest from foreign investors

nent rise in interest rates. They were shopping for shares in British companies having strong earnings and dividend growth. Particularly in favour were the supermarket chains, water and electricity utilities and the banks. But the big manufacturers were given a

wide berth because of the

likely impact of a strong pound on prolits. The FISE has risen 227.1 points (4.9 per cent), in the past three days. The pound rose another two plennigs against the mark climbing through its old ERM central parity rate of DM2.95 to finish at DM2.965. Sterling also rose betting on the strong pound more than a cent against the

1997 high of \$1.69. Foreign exchange dealers ignored Gordon Brown's

claim yesterday that he was unhappy with the pound's strength and wanted to help exporters. Roger Bootle, chief economist at HSBC, said the Chancellor has missed a "golden opportunity" to increase consumer taxes and take the pressure off further interest rate rises. Economists predict that the Bank of England will now raise rates sharply over the rest of the year, sending the pound above

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#### Workshy will lose benefits

Unemployed young people who turn down a place on the Government's new welfare to work scheme will now lose their full benefit for up to a month, under sanctions unveiled by the Education and Employment Secretary

#### Milk row splits childbirth group

Rebel mothers have staged a mass resignation from the National Childbirth Trust in protest at a decision to accept sponsorship money from a supermarket chain which sells its own brand of baby

# Empty Wimbledon seats as British dream dies

By JOHN GOODBODY AND STEPHEN BARRELL

TIM HENMAN and Greg Rusedski were swept out of the Wimbledon championships yesterday as thousands failed to occupy pre-paid seats for the country's most momentous

day for men's tennis since 1961. The dream of an all-British semifinal evaporated as both players lost in quick succession on the new No I Court. Cedrie Pioline of France beat Rusedski 6-4, 4-6, 6-4, 6-3, then capabilities to win Wimbledon."

Henman lost to Michael Stich, from At the start of his 1.10pm match

Germany, in straight sets. Henman, who beat Richard Krajicek, of Holland, the defending champion, the previous day, called his defeat "probably my worst experience on a tennis court so far. To be in a quarter-final at Wimbledon and to lose as easily as I did is very disappointing."

He added later: "Twenty-four

hours ago I could play some of the best tennis in my career and now I've played some of the worst." But he vowed: "I definitely beseve I have the At the start of his 1.10pm match the the All England Club's ticketing

11.400-capacity court was two-thirds full. When Rusedski had begun his match at llam, there were 3.000 people. However, each refused to blame low turn-out for their performances. Rusedski said: "The people who came were tremendous and supportive . . . I'm just disappointed I couldn't give them something to cheer about." The missing fans did surprise Pioline, who said: "I would have

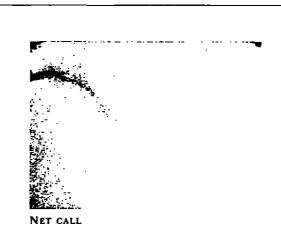
thought it was a big match." Frustrated spectators milling around outside last night called for system to be changed to admit more genuine" fans such as those who aftended "People's Sunday". Only 500 seats - quickly snapped up - were sold at the gates yesterday on a firstcome, first-served basis.

DBoris Becker, 29, three times champion, announced after his quarter-final defeat by Pete Sampras, of the United States, that he would not be returning to the championships, where British fans had made him feel very much at home."

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wife and he ruled out any joint couple agreed on how their Et Nova et Vetera (Ancient interior designer, said he obsessed with this thing."

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# Clarke's bouncers no match for Lilley's straight bat

looked in on the Tories yesterday afternoon - and showed them what they had missed. Bouncing to his feet with a wave of notes he never bothered to consult, he waded into yesterday's Budget with such total confidence that as he spoke, you could see the Tory benches looking up in new-found hope that their own official line might

actually be right, after all.
"You could have had me," shone through every line. bubbles from some regretful heads on the Conservative benches.

He never stoops to conquer. He may lack rhetorical flourish, but conveys a philosophical integrity rare at Westminster. Listening, you learn something. Criticising the previous afternoon's Budget. Lilley took MPs through three substantial arguments seemed hard to fault.

He never overstated. He avoided cheap shots. He con-

ceded strengths in his oppo-nents' argument. By the end of his speech you could believe that Tory concern about pension funds was

more than a political try-on. What so distinguishes Mr Lilley from almost all his colleagues is that there appears to be no trace of the charlatan in his make-up.

Perhaps "charlatan" is too harsh. It misses the affectionate tone this sketch means to convey. Nobody who knows the Commons would expect a spokesman or minister to tell



but the truth. Front benches take each other with a pinch of salt, and evasion and exaggeration are part of the currency of debate.

Howard's posturing, Tony Blair's public quack evangelism and private flick-knife So when I say that almost every other heavyweight on William Hague's Oxford both the Labour and the Tory Union swagger ... Westminster would be the poorer front bench is an acknowlwithout any of this, and

carries no moral disapproval

Robin Cook's magnificent

simulated scom in debate;

the wink behind Michael

fooled. It may be that, lacking it, Mr Lilley will never quite hit the political stride his intellect deserves. Time and again the rhythm

of his speech yesterday was spoiled by its thoughtfulness. He would pause or stammer, onsider or rephrase where he felt a statement needed

But you cannot help admiring a man who, after all these after a long spell in a senior politics and the news media, can still give primacy to the argument. I fell to thinking now underrated Lilley was.

Then in bowled Kenneth Clarke. With style, humour and a carefree wave he knocked the Budget about. He mocked the newly elected Labour MPs. "You've only got to say the word billions to them and they wave their Order Papers." He derided the Chancellor's call upon funds from the Contingency Reserve. "What happens if a

poured scorn on Mr Brown's shift of interest-rate control to the Bank of England ... And Tam Dalyell himad judge

bered to his feet. Would Clarke "satisfy my curiosity?" Would he confirm that, when Chancellor, he too had wanted to give more independence to the Bank of England? Aha! Clarke ducked. He

Ho, ho, ho! And, for all his hesitations.

wouldn't say. What a laugh!

# Workshy young face huge cut in benefits

Staying at home is no longer an option for jobless, reports Jill Sherman

Tories complain of

Finance Bill 'rush'

YOUNG unemployed people who turn down a place on the Government's Welfare-to-Work scheme will lose their full benefit for up to a month under sanctions unveiled by David Blunkett yesterday.

The Education and Employment Secretary disclosed that the Government had decided to go ahead with what amounts to a "workfare" scheme with harsher penalties than suggested by Labour

before the general election. People aged 18 to 24 who refuse one of four options under the New Deal unveiled by Gordon Brown during his Budget will now have their full benefit of £38.95 stopped for two weeks if they refuse a place without "just cause".

They will then go back on benefit until they are offered an alternative option. If they refuse this they will have their benefit docked for a month. That penalty will be repeated each subsequent time they refuse a job or training offer.

The four options offered to young people unemployed for six months will be: a job with a private firm where employers will receive a £60-a-week with a 50,000-strong environmental taskforce; a six-month placement in the voluntary sector or full-time education or

training. If a person turns down one of the options the case will be referred to an Employment Service adjudicator to decide if there is "just cause" for the refusal. If there is not, benefit

will stop immediately. Before the general election Mr Brown said that workshy

THE Government was ac-

cused by the Tories last night of trying to "railroad"

its Budget measures

Ann Taylor, Leader of the

Commons, announced that

the second reading of the

Finance Bill would be next

Thursday, just three days

after the last day of the

Budget debate. The Govern-

through the Commons.

rebate for six months; work young people would only lose and came off the scheme 40 per cent of benefit, but even temporarily. In such cases 40 per cent of benefit would be docked. If they had depenthis was strongly opposed by some members of the then dents they would only lose Shadow Cabinet. their personal allowance, but Mr Brown, however, is de-

termined to have an effective stick and carrot approach. On Wednesday he made clear that there will be no fifth option staying at home on full

Mr Blunkett said yesterday that people could claim hardship payments if they were ill

Bill's stages through by the

But the Tories claimed

that this allowed no time for

consultation with financial

and business experts. Shad-

ow ministers accused Lab-

our of trying to rush

through measures in three

weeks which normally took

summer recess.

#### payments to cover wives or children would continue. Ministers are also aiming to impose penalties against employers who may take on a young unemployed person, to get £60 a week under the programme, and then sack

existing workers. Employers will have to sign a declaration when they hire someone under the Welfare-to-Work programme, which will be closely monitored by the Employment Service. Andrew Smith, Education and Employment Min-ister, called the penalties "tough but fair". The pro-gramme balanced rights and responsibilities.

Those taken on by private firms will be paid a wage, while those taken on by a voluntary or environmental group will receive a grant of up to E400 (usually about E16 a week over six months) plus an allowance equivalent to their



David Blunkett unveiled a scheme with tougher penalties than originally planned by Labour

# Pension schemes count the cost of Brown's raid

BY ANNE ASHWORTH

GORDON BROWN'S most lucrative tax-raising measure me abouno dend tax credit. The £20 bilpension scheme. which has 370,000 members. has already said the move will cost it £90 million a year. But the 19 million other individuals also putting money aside

A: The Chancellor's decision to end the 20 per cent dividend tax credit will deprive pension funds of some £3.6 billion of income every year. To make good the loss, we will each

the dividend tax credit reduce need to contribute an extra value of the average pension

sions suffer? Anyone now saving for their retirement will be affected. Worst hit will be the seven

Liberty International, a life insurance company, calculates that 30-year-olds now paying £100 a month into

pension schemes, the tradi-

A: You could also be a victim of Mr Brown's pension fund raid. Those with personal pensions and members of occupational pension schemes must use their pension fund to buy an annuity which provides their income in retirement. To replace the lost dividend tax credit income. pension funds will buy more bonds and gilts. This will

ing to a decline in their yields. Annuity rates are governed by gilt yields. Low gilt yields mean poor annuity deals. the annuity business are already dropping their rates. Q: Does all this mean I ould find another way to save for my retirement? A: Pensions remain a tax-

efficient way of saving, despite income tax-free to a pension scheme. Those with personal pension can pay in from 17.5 per cent to 40 per cent of their earnings depending on age.

# NHS gets its biggest building scheme

By A STAFF REPORTER

THE Budget announcement of £1.3 billion building programme is the biggest since the foundation of the National Health Service. Fourteen hospitals have been given the go-shead to carry out building work under the Private Finance Initiative

Developments will be paid for out of private funds and leased back to the NHS. The decision was attacked by union chiefs. Bob Abberley, head of health for Unison, the country's biggest union. said: "PFI is an expensive experiment doomed to fail-

"Britain desperately needs new hospitals run by the public, not the private sector. PFI is simply a scheme for build now, pay later. This is hospitals on hire purchase."

PFI, brought in five years ago by the Tory Government, was originally criticised by Labour as creeping privatisation. But the new Government has embraced the approach, bringing in guidelines to make sure schemes meet their targets. Alan Milburn, Minister of

State for Health, said the overwhelming majority of hospitals would be funded in this way in future. "We have been genuinely shocked by the dilapidated state of our hospitals and building work is long overdue," he said. "We want to see new hospitals being built, but with a limited amount of publicsector money, it is PFI or

Twelve hospital trusts were given permission yesterday today to carry out building work: North Durham, South Buckingham-shire, Calderdale, Carlisle, Hereford, Wellhouse in north London. Worcester Bishop Auckland, South Manchester, South Tees, Swindon and Bromley. Work will also be carried at Norwich and Dartford, whose schemes have already been given the go-ahead. Building is expected to start within the pext 18 months.

Twenty-nine schemes will be shelved. Mr Milburn said: "For those schemes not selected for this wave, there will be inevitable disappointment. But it is not the end of the road for them.

They will now be eligible for consideration as part of a prioritisation exercise which will recommend those which should go forward either as part of the next tranche of PFI schemes which we plan to announce in spring next year, or from the public capital that available.

The solicitors Beachcroft Stanleys, advisers for five of the new schemes, welcomed the Government announcement. Barry Francis, head of the projects department, said: This is tremendous news for the NHS, our clients and the professional teams involved.

firmly behind the publicprivate partnership process and the introduction of the all parties involved can now focus on meeting the Government's target within 18 months, if not sooner for

some schemes." Mr Dobson said that the decision to pay with private capital would lessen the burden on the Treasury. He said: "Each of the proposals represents good value for-money and will reduce the bill to the taxpayer."

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#### DIVIDEND TAX CREDIT

according to Chantrey Vella-20-year period. O: Will all those saving in cott, the accountants. Mike Wadsworth of Watson Wyatt; the actuarial firm, calculates that the abolition of the dividend tax credit will reduce the

million people with personal pensions who are self-employed or in jobs without pensions. They must either increase their contributions, or risk lower final payouts.

personal pensions must now

tional type of company penfund, will enjoy a rules will oblige companies to pay extra cash into funds if they cannot meet liabilities. Q: I am about to retire. Surely I am not affected?

the disappearance of the divi-dend tax credit. The Chancellor left pension tax reliefs on individuals' contributions untouched. Employees can con-tribute up to 15 per cent of their

# Hamilton challenges censure in sleaze report

Continued from page I was also found to have "deliberately misled" his then boss, Michael Heseltine, about his relationship with the political lobbyist, Ian Greer. But Mr Hamilton said he found the

report perplexing.

"He [Sir Gordon] found me. extraordinarily, guilty of tak-ing money from Mr Fayed but he cannot say when the money was paid, how much was paid, why it was paid and where the money went," Mr Hamilton told the BBC. The only evidence, he claimed, was the

Mr Hamilton said: "He's come down against me but I still vigorously deny that I received any money for doing anything on behalf of House of Fraser. The flimsy evidence which I have just described is the basis on which I appear to have been convicted. I contest anything in Sir Gordon's re-port which condemns me for any act of impropriety or dishonesty - I will be making a full response." Gordon's strictures

against Mr Smith are also devastating. He had admitted receiving payments but lost track of the total amount received. He was criticised not just because he had not declared the payments in the Commons register but also because he chose not to do so because that was the prefer-

> Mr Smith, whose future as an accountant looks uncer-tain, said last night: "I am very sorry that my conduct, as Sir Downey has

ence of his Harrods

described it, fell well below the standards expected of MPs. I can only say in my defence that it seemed less obvious at the time than it does with the benefit of hindsight what was the right course of action to

Mr Al Fayed issued a state-ment saying the MPs should have declared the payments he made to them to pursue hisinterests in parliament.

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Al Fayed: paid MPs to ask questions

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# Perfect wife to contribute to success

# Husband's fortune eased judge's task

AND ADRIAN LEE

SIR TERENCE CONRAN did not give enough credit for his family and business successes to his wife of 33 years, Mr Justice Wilson, the divorce judge, said in his 26-page

The Conrans had little when they married but her contribution to the relationship was outstanding even though he might not recognise that, he said.

"It can be difficult for a man with a healthy ego who has: achieved a vertiginous successto look down and discern a contribution other than his own." he remarked of Sir Terence, who was knighted in

Caroline Herbert and Terence Conran met in 1961. Hewas 29 and still married to his second wife, Shirley. She was 22 and working full-time as home editor for House 8 Garden. Needing a home in London, she went to stay as a lodger with the cash-strapped Conrans, who were then living

in Primrose Hill.

A year later Shirley had left, to continue her own career as a journalist and bestselling novelist commanding millionpound advances.

Sir Terence, whose head was buzzing with ideas for his small company designing and manufacturing office furniture, had found a new partner in Caroline. "She was beautiful, creative and instinctively stylish. The husband whose business ideas were a dominant part of his life and who liked to ventilate them just as much around the kitchen table as his office, could hardly have chosen a wife better able to contribute to their germina-

tion," the judge said. Sir Terence had already founded and sold his Soup Kitchen restaurants, conceived as eating places serving decent food to students.

career as a designer. When Sir Terence and Caroline married in March 1963 his wedding present to her was \$20 per cent stake in the design com-pany. Conran and Co. The udge remarked: "As he said. he had little else at that time."

The year after their marriage Conran launched Habitat, his bright, smart shop selling furniture and stylish. though often inexpensive, household accessories. With £200 provided by her father. his wife subscribed for a oneeighth share in the new company, Habitat Designs Ltd.

Almost immediately after Habitat opened in Fulham Road, and bard upon the birth of her first son, she started work as buyer of kitchenware for the new shop, a position.



she held until 1967. She had natural flair in identifying kitchen equipment and fabrics which became a key part of Habitar's stock.

TOTAL £10.5m

"She was drawn to the creative side of her husband's busiparticularly in the area of food, kitchen equipment and design. In these areas she was almost as full of ideas as her husband. The husband's friends were his colleagues in business. He brought them home. The wife cooked a superb supper; or he did so himself. Pine wine was drunk. At these times there were lengthy, energetic discussions about current projects and

In 1968, when Caroline Conran was appointed food correspondent of The Sunday Times, Habitat merged with a public company to form Ryman Conran Ltd. a merger that lasted only 18 months. When their shares in that company were sold in 1971 the couple made more than

wife was a full participator."

Back in Sir Terence's ownership. Habitat flourished. During the 1970s Lady Conran was largely occupied bringing up her three children and two stepsons, but she was also established as one of the most influential food journalists in

Lady Conran, the judge said, had the parental role cast with unusual weight" on her hand was so engrossed in the

"Notwithstanding the husband's vehement denial," the judge concluded, her role as a cookery writer "represented an important contribution by the wife to the public perception that linked him with fine food. Her renewed links with journalism enabled the wife to introduce to the husband other food journalists and indeed journalists in the field of design who, captivated by his charm and energy and by the quality of his products, wrote glowingly of him and them."
In 1975 the couple bought a house in Berkshire where the stable block was converted into a design studio and workshop. The house is now worth £1.7 million. The judge

contention that the Berkshire home was "a sort of conference centre" was only slightly exaggerated. "There was a boardroom above the kitchen

and ... directors' meetings as well as other meetings were regularly held there . . . In the evenings the husband would relax with his friends and colleagues, and with the wife; and would, as in the early days, discuss business around the kitchen table over a fine

The judge also noted Lady Conran's other partly unacknowledged contributions, on trips abroad, in restaurant menus, in restaurant decoration, and in the design of artefacts for manufacture by Mr Justice Wilson found: her husband's woodworking

> "When everything in this section is added together," the judge concluded, "the wife's energy was almost as prodigious as that of the husband; and her contribution to the family in every sense of the word was outstanding "

In 1981 Habitat was floated on the Stock Exchange and in 1982 merged with Mothercare. In 1986 there was a further merger with British Home Stores to form Storehouse.

In 1983 the Conrans were able to buy a 200-acre property in Provence. Lady Conran paid the deposit of £60,000 on the £300,000 purchase price. Sir Terence reckoned to have spent £650,000 on renovations and improvement. The property is now valued at £2.2 million.

In 1983, Lady Conran fell ill with cancer. Mr Justice Wilson noted: "She underwent a series of major operations and fought the illness with courage and ultimate success. Predictably she emerged from it with different enthusiasms. She became a counsellor, and later obtained a degree in psychology at the Open University; and

In 1986, she sold shares to buy a house in Dorset as a bolthole. The judge noted: "Not surprisingly the hus-band was taken aback that she bought it without reference to him." Lady Conran's choice is now reckoned to be worth

In 1987 Sir Terence opened

his first modern restaurant. Bibendum, in the Michelin Building on Fulham Road, on which he had bought a lease in 1985 to house his Conran Shop and his acquisitive publishing concern Conran Octopus, but in 1990 he suffered a reverse after disagreements with Michael Julien, the newly appointed chief executive of Storehouse. Sir Terence was forced to retire from the company, and had to sell his



had been worth. That brought him close to £20 million, while Lady Conran's remaining shares fetched her about £1 million. Habitat was bought by the Swedish furniture flatpackers,

Sir Terence retained the

Conran Shop, and his own creative energy which he de-voted through a private company. Conran Holdings Ltd. and shops. In October 1991, on his 60th birthday, he opened Le Pont de la Tour in Southwark, followed by Blueprint Cafe. La Cantina, and the Butler's Wharf Chophouse. Conran Shops opened in Paris and Tokyo. In 1993 he reopened the historic Quaglino's off Piccadilly. There followed the 600-seater £6 million Mez zo complex in Soho and the lavish conversion of the old Bluebird garage in King's

Road, Chelsea. Meanwhile the marriage had finally broken down after frequent and obvious infidelities. Lady Conran left their home in Berkshire in March 1993. Sir Terence vacated the house in Eaton Square, Belgravia, which the couple had bought in 1981, so that she could have it as her London

base. The current estimate of the 69-year lease remaining on that house is El.1 million.

Lady Conran was granted

an uncontested decree nisi in June last year. Lady Conran's personal

wealth before yesterday's settlement was reckoned to be £5.7 million. Sir Terence was estimated to have assets of £80 million but claimed that they had more than doubled since the couple's separation. His annual income is £400,000, and the judge noted: "In many respects the size of the husband's fortune eases

Lady Conran claimed a lump sum of £8.7 million. which would have given her a

my task."

total of £13 million. Sir Terence offered \$2.5 million.

By agreement Lady Conran is to have sole ownership of the house in Eaton Square, while Sir Terence will take sole ownership of the houses in Berkshire and Provence. The judge allowed £900,000 for Lady Conran's purchase of a new home in France, and accepted in part a "dramatic increase" in her suggested annual budget, agreeing to a total of £230,000 a year, where she had asked for £319,000 and Sir Terence had suggested £185,000. The judge calculated the capital figure required to enable Lady Conran to spend

E230,000 a year as

#### THE CONRAN WIVES

THE thrice-married Sir Terence has a current girlfriend, but no plans to tie the knot again. In 1952 he waited for his flatmate Brenda Davison's boyfriend to go abroad before proposing marriage. They split up the same year, when the boyfriend returned. In 1955 he married Shirley, a waitress at a Chelsea coffee shop, but they were divorced seven years later. She is now a bestselling author who lives in Monaco. They

have two sons, Sebastian and Jasper. Sir Terence met Caroline, his third wife, when she became a lodger at his house in Primrose Hill. northwest London. They were married in 1963 and they have two sons, Tom and Ned, and a daughter.

He now lives with Victoria Davis, 40, an interior designer from Cheshire, who moved into his Berkshire mansion after her marriage to a property developer

#### THE JUDGE

THE man who made the multimillion-pound award to Lady Conran is known as a champion of legal rights for women. Mr Justice Wilson was the yourgest judge in the Family Division when appointed five years ago, aged 47. He is the only judge to have two racehorses, Nick the Brief and Nick the Beak. named in his honour.

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Besides a love of racing and a flamboyant streak, he has earned a reputation for a commonsense approach to legal matters. He is a believer in better deals for mmarried women who find themselves, after the break-up of long relationships, without satisfactory legal rights.
The law as it stands at

the moment gives such women virtually nothing. I don't think that's right," said the judge, who has been married for 23 years and has a son and a daughter. During 26 years at the family Bar, he specialised in the financial side of marital break-up and often acted in highprofile cases for the likes of Bill Wyman, Ringo Starr and Bianca Jagger.



frontation. Obviously there are harrowing heart-wrenching cases. But I find the role I have now gives me more peace of mind and more satisfaction. At the Bar the client paid you large sums to win and, if you didn't, you had failed. That pressure at

least has gone.
"It is replaced by the pressure of often agonising decisions involving homan situations. As a judge you are there to expound the law. There is a temptation to slip in a reference Of his elevation to judge, to your own prejudices, he said: "It's wonderful to But you must draw back."



THE solicitor who represented Lady Conran was working in her first di-vorce case with such a high Exica Shelton, 40, is a

shares for only a third of what

matrimonial specialist of Rooks Rider, in Clerkenwell, central London. She had been retained by Lady Couran about 18 months ago after she had been advised by a divorced friend to consult

Mrs Shelton is a gradu-ate of London University. She qualified as a solicitor in 1984 and has risen to her present position of head of her company's family law department. She has been married for ten years and has a four-year-old son. The Conran case repre-

sents a major triumph. The



in addition to awarding Lady Conran a sizeable sum for her "reasonable requirements", has also ordered Sir Terence to make a suitable contribution to account for the part Lady Conran had played in both the welfare of his family and the suc-

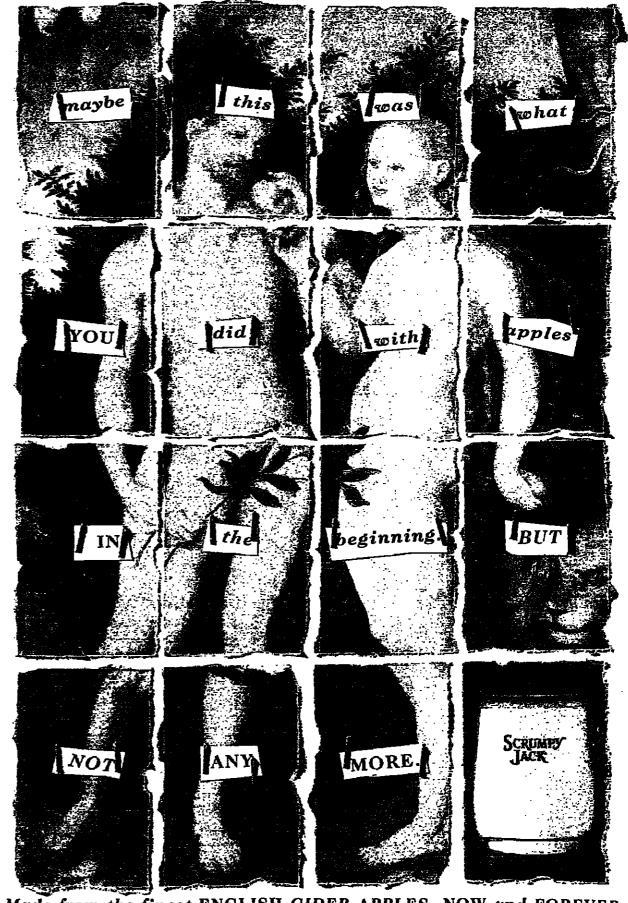
#### WHAT THE JUDGE SAID

On Lady Conran: "She was beautiful and, like the husband, creative, energetic and instinctively stylish ... the wife's energy was almost as prodigious as that of her husband's, and her contribution to the welfare of the family in every sense was outstanding."

On Sir Terence: "It can be difficult for a man with a healthy ego who has achieved vertiginous success to look down and discern a contribution other than his own."



Lady Conran's bolthole in Dorset, Bettiscombe Manor, to which she moved when the marriage finally ended



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# Girl heard argument at site of 'road rage murder'

Child tells court of two fierce voices: one

a man's, one soft, Joanna Bale reports

in the trial of Tracie Andrews yesterday when she described hearing two people arguing at the

The girl, who cannot be named, gave 37 minutes of videotaped evidence, in which she described a long and fierce argument between a man and a person with a "softer voice" at the time that Miss Andrews is alleged to have stabbed her fiance, Lee Harvey, in a country lane. Miss Andrews, 28, who denies murder, has claimed that Mr Harvey, 25, died as a result of a "road rage" incident on

December i last year. The girl, who said she was woken up by the argument, was in bed at a cottage next to the murder scene in Alvechurch, Hereford and Worcester. Her mother was downstairs watching television with a

The girl's taped interview was shown to a packed courtroom at Birmingham Crown Court. The girl, wearing a navy blue school

A NINE-YEAR-OLD girl clutching uniform, appeared to be relaxed, often smiling at the policewoman interviewing her. However, the court was told earlier that she had been traumatised by the murder

and had difficulty sleeping.

After reassuring the girl that she was not in trouble and that her mother was in a room next to the police video suite, the policewoman said: "Tell me about what you heard." She answered articulately in a well-spoken voice: "I woke up

... I heard some people talking outside. It sounded like two people. There was definitely a man because he was shouting. It sounded as if he

was arguing."

Playing with the teddy bear's ears, she went on: "I could hear Mummy and Richard talking downstairs and watching television. There was clapping [on the

The girl described how the gument continued as she got out of bed and went to the lavatory. She said: "I went back to my mom. I could hear the arguing. The man sounded quite fierce. It sounded



Tracie Andrews arriving at the courthouse yesterday

like he was trying to be really fierce

to the other person." As Miss Andrews sat in the dock looking at the floor, the rest of the court watched as the policewoman asked the girl if she remembered what day this happened. She said: "I don't know what the day was. It was the day that it happened." The policewoman asked: What? She replied: The "What?"

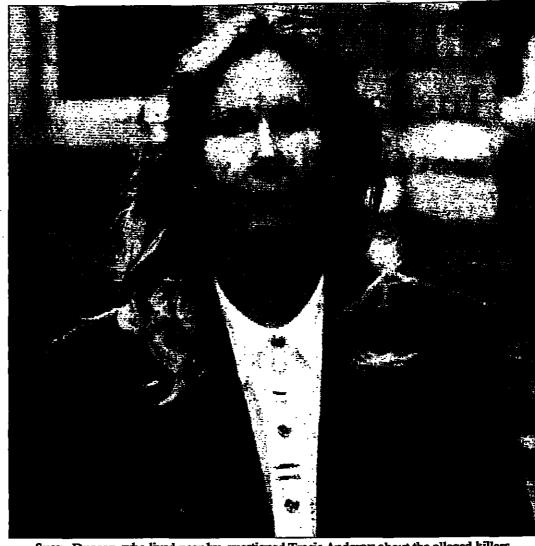
murder.' The girl went on to say that one

outside her bedroom window was a man. She was not sure if the other was a man or a woman because the voice was soft. She said: Whoever it was was shouting, but it was quite a soft voice ... you couldn't tell if it was a man's voice, or a woman's voice."

The prosecution declined to cross-examine the girl by video link as she waited in a different room within the court building. Ronald Thwaites, QC, said: "After having seen the mother, I don't want to trouble this child."

Earlier the girl's mother told the court that her daughter had been traumatised by the aftermath of the murder as police and journalists called at the cottage and flowers laid by grieving relatives served as a constant reminder of the incident. She became frightened to go to bed alone, and often preferred to fall asleep downstairs and be carried up to bed.

The mother said: "She has certainly been very frightened by this ... it still obviously is on her mind." She added: "I have had to go to the doctor on several occasions. She certainly wasn't herself for some time afterwards."



Susan Duncan, who lived near by, questioned Tracie Andrews about the alleged killers

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### Witness says she doubted tale of attack

questioned about her fiance's murder minutes after it happened by a former detective constable who lived near by. Susan Duncan told the

court that she had suspicions from the start about Miss Andrews's version of events because she had not been able to give her a detailed description of the car involved in the "road rage" incident in which she alleged that Lee Harvey died. Yet when the police arrived several minutes later Miss Andrews could tell them the car's make and colour and

specific. was one of the first people at the scene. Describ-ing Miss Andrews site in the court: "She was covered in blood. It was all over her face, all over her hair, all down her

boyfriend. She said that Lee had had an argument with some other men. She said that Lee had cut one of these men up, that he stopped the car.

She told him not to get out, out he did, and the next thing hand to her face and there was blood everywhere. What she said sounded very disjointed."

Mrs Duncan, who said she had often interviewed witnesses during her police career. then asked Miss Andrews six questions. She told the court: "I asked her if she had seen the colour of the vehicle. She said, 'No'. I asked her if she had seen the make of the car. She said. No. I asked her if she had seen any part of the registration number. She said. 'No'. There was nothing about the vehicle she could recollect.

"I also asked her about the men. I asked her if she knew them. She said, 'No'. I asked her if she had ever seen them before. She said, 'No'. I asked her if she heard any names being used by these men. She But when the police arrived,

she was also adamant that the ing Mr Harvey was the passenger and she gave a description of the passenger. Mrs Duncan said she considered it strange and remarked on it to a police officer.

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# **Parker Bowles** 'orchestrated royal wedding'

By CAROL MIDGLEY, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

THE marriage of the Prince of Wales and Lady Diana Spencer was partly orchestrated by Camilla Parker Bowles as a way of continuing her own relationship with the Prince. a close friend has told a television documentary.

Charles Benson, who has known Mrs Parker Bowles for 30 years, said she hoped that by encouraging the romance she could be friends with both parties. He added that Mrs Parker Bowles, who is godmother to Mr Benson's daughter, should now be entitled to marry the Prince and be called

Princess Camilla. The documentary. Camilla, is to be screened on Channel 5 on Sunday

Mrs Parker Bowies was reported to be deeply distressed that private video footage of her addressing a charity dinner had been leaked to the documentary which will show her speaking on television for the first time.

But yesterday Christooher Wilson, the author and narrator of the film. insisted Mrs Parker Bowles knew Mr Benson was involved in it and did not object. He had been assured that she was not unset about the video footage of her speaking at the headquarters of the National Osteoporosis Society, of

vhich she is a patron. Mr Wilson said: "She is godmother to Charles Benson's daughter, and Charles's ex-wife is godmother to Camilla's son Tom. They are still good

Asked about her involvement in the royal wedding, Mr Benson tells the programme: "She certainly did encourage it, and I would say was very largely instrumental in the whole thing.

"I think she saw herself as doing everybody a good turn and in some ways. in her position as an ongoing, very, very unusu-ally close friend to Prince Charles, she probably saw it as a good chance of them all continuing as friends, particularly if she

encouraged it. That's the logical conclusion that any of us might

He adds: "I think they are entitled to each other. They've had all the hell. why should they not have some pleasure?



Camilla Parker Bowles, subject of an hour-long documentary on Channel 5

# BA 'hopeful' of ending airport catering dispute

Breakthrough as airline promises to protect staff privileges

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT AIR CORRESPONDENT

**BRITISH AIRWAYS** was last night "optimistic" that a package of proposals aimed at catering staff at Heathrow would be accepted.

More than two days of talks ended last night with BA agreeing to protect all privileges for staff and their fam-ilies after the catering unit had been sold off to an outside company - a key sticking point in earlier negotiations.

Other proposals included a pro-rate share of BA profits, options to buy shares, no compusiory redundacies and the chance of applying for permanent jobs within BA.

The package was considered at a mass meeting of the catering unit which BA wants to sell off. They have now decided to consider it overnight and will respond within the next few days.

"This is an excellent package" said BA chief executive Bob Ayling last night. T would urge employees to talk to their family and their friends and they will recongise

interests of them, their colleaguyes our customers and our airline."

Moreover, pressure was mounting on British Airways their threat of industrial action. All 7.500 members of BASSA, a Transport and General Workers Union offshoot. received a letter from a former senior official of the union warning that they were in danger of committing "industrial suicide" by threatening to walk out at the peak of the

Malcolm Falconer, who for many years was a leading official of BASSA (British Airlines Stewards and Stewardesses Association). said that the strike call was the result of "mis-calculated decision and arrogant intransigence on the part of BASSA officials."

summer holiday season.

He warned striking was no solution and that it was being called only to ensure the integrity and future of BASSA itself.

"It is time some of us put our heads above the parapet and took some responsibility for resolving this industrial mess

"Take time to reflect. There are other ways that are a lot less harmful in the long term than a strike. Go to war on this one you want, but with the cabin crew last night to call off BASSA leadership in disarray and a disunited workforce with no agreed goals to be achieved, my measured opinion is that you will be committing industrial suicide.

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At the same time the breakaway union Cabin Crew 89 claimed a continuing flood of new members and urged the TGWU to work with its members towards a solution. "It will be a tragedy for all cabin crew if this strike goes ahead," said Jim Welsh, general secretary of Cabin Crew 89.

The bigger union, BASSA. had called regular strikes every 18 months he said and seemed determined to find a reason to strike. They have called more strikes than Arthur Scargill ever did," said

British Airways, mean while, put forward a proposal to end the cabin crew dispute to Acas which included a cast iron guarantee that no staff member would be worse off under the proposed new sala-

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Aid pledge for flood victims

By Gillian Bowditch, Scotland cokrespondent

THE Government promised tured back to their properties aid to Moray last night as farmers and householders

Donald Dewar, the Scottish Secretary, said: "Although the extent of the damage is still being assessed, it is clear there has been widespread devastation." He said he was activating the Bellwin Scheme. governing council spending in big-scale emergencies. This means Moray council will pay ne nirst liozuuu oi iis addi tional costs, but the Government will pick up 85 per cent of the bill above that.

About 1,200 people made homeless by the flooding ven-

yesterday to see the extent of the damage, estimated to cost millions of pounds.

As the huge clean-up opera tion begins, more rain is forecast and high tides in the mid-evening mean that the danger of further flooding remains a possibility.

John Summers, the council's director of technical and leisure services, said the main problem was 21 landslides that have blocked two roads and caused subsidence. Six families at Phorp, near Forres, have been cut off after the only bridge was washed away. Another two bridges in the area are causing concern.

CORRECTIONS

☐ Videotapes of the Hillsborough football disaster, from carneras under police control, are not missing (report, June 27), but have been securely kept and were made available to Lord Justice Taylor's inquiry and to the inquest

on the victims.

☐ Sir John Walley's letter (July 1) referred to a Bill prepared under Ramsay Mac-Donald's Government for a 48-hour week, not 40 as

Sir Desmond Pitcher and Brian Staples, chairman and chief executive respectively of United Utilities, did not receive bonuses in 1997, contrary to a report yesterday.

**Professor** K. McConkey

A report (June 10) on proceedings brought by Peter Nahum against Royal Holloway and Bedford New College incor-rectly stated that Professor Kenneth McConkey, Dean of Art and Design at the Univ-essity of Northumbria, had received commission on the sale of a Constable painting. As subsequent evidence made clear. Professor McConkey did not receive any commission. We apologise for the embarrassment caused.

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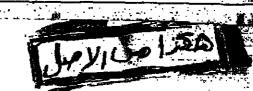
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# Doctors want to set Hippocrates to verse

DOCTORS have begun a search for a poet who can set pulses racing with a updated version of the medical oath that will ring down the centuries and inspire all who enter

They want an injection of drama from the Muses after deciding that a draft revision of the 2,500-year-old Hippocratic oath, prepared by their ethics committee was too long, boring, prosaic and sounded like . . well, some-

thing written by a committee.

The finished work must translate intelligibly into every known language, must not be dull and must set out the basic principles that should guide a good doctor's life. The chall-enge was issued at the annual meeting of the British Medical Association yesterday after Dr Mark Porter, a junior anaesthetist at Walsgrave Hospital in Coventry called the new oath, produced after two years' labour, a disaster. "An oath to be taken by millions of doctors down the centuries surely needs translating into poetry as a ringing declaration of principle," he

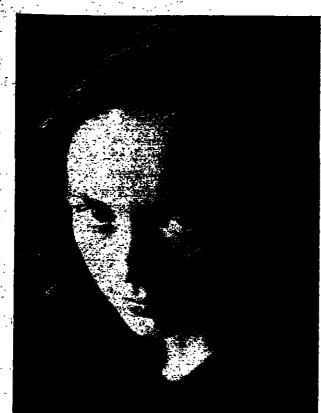
The association had spent £21,000 redesigning its logo and the only obvious change was that the background had changed from a square to a circle. "If we can spend that sort of money on that sort of thing, surely we can spend half that amount to engage a poet and get him to produce a

proper version," he added.
The Hippocratic Oath starts by swearing to "Apollo the physician, and Aesculapius and Health, and All-heal and all the gods and goddesses" that the doctor will follow a system for the benefit of his patients, abstain from mischievous behaviour and will pass life in purity and holiness. Producing abortions and giving deadly medicines are not allowed. Confidentiality is crucial. Seduction of females or males, freemen or slaves is

The ethics committee had been asked to draw up a replacement oath by the World Medical Association, which wanted an up-to-date wording that could be used internationally. The draft version of the new oath is nearly beginning ringingly with "The practice of medicine is a privilege which carries impor-

'Core values" and patients' rights crop up among the modern jargon. It accepts that abortion can be legal within

tant responsibilities".



Lavinia Greenlaw: "Oath is for GPs who fill in forms"

#### OATH POEM I will answer as truthfully as I can.

Whatever I see or hear, I will not divulge. I will acknowledge my mistakes. With purity and holiness will I practise my art. I will not provide treatments that are pointless.

I will give no deadly medicine nor suggest it. I will not put personal profit or advancement first. I will impart a knowledge of the Art to my own sons.

By Lavinia Greenlaw, Writer-in-Residence at the Science Museum, 1995

#### **OATH HAIKU**

Seek wisdom in care; respectful healing for Life, compassionate death

By Dr Edwin Borman, consultant anaesthetist at Walsgrave Hospital, Coventry, former chairman of the BMA's junior doctors' committee. Haiku is a formal 17syllable Japanese poem which is meant to encapsulate the essential aspects of an experience and encourage further thought about it.

an ethical and legal framework". Doctors are expected to help patients "with limited mental awareness".

Confidentiality is still important, but the draft allows for the possibility that it might not be possible to guarantee it. policies which breach human rights and must promise to change laws which are con-

trary to patients interests. Dr Sandy Macara, chairman of the association, who quoted Burns to back his argument against euthanasia

in another debate, liked the idea of calling in a poet. "I am all for pretty writers," he said. "We should see if we could inject something into this."
Dr Hector Spiteri, a GP

from Redbridge, east London, said the oath, could be "The physician shall selflessly practise medicine for the sole benefit of the patient and shall avoid causing him harm. He shall do so with respect, integrity and compassion and without any form of prejudice.

### Poets take up call to produce a new oath

By Mark Henderson

SOME of Britain's leading poets are ready to take up the BMA's challenge to improve on the bland version of the updated Hippocratic oath.

Lavinia Greenlaw, the daughter of two doctors, who was Writer-in-Residence at the Science Museum in 1995, was the first to throw her hat into the ring. She had already worked up a lyrical alterna-tive to the new oath last night, using lines from both the old and the new ones.

"I can see why doctors today would want a more useful and relevant oath, but the BMA version is weak and troublingly provisional.

Everything is 'to the best of my ability." she said.

"It offers no inspiration because it is so bareaucratic.

It is an oath for GPs who manage funds and fill in forms. The Hippocratic Oath is an emotional thing that shows the worth of medicine, and that emotion is lost in bland and equivocal language."
Dr Dannie Abse, a London

GP who has published more than ten collections of poems, many with a medical theme. said he would love to have a go at improving the new oath. This new version is completely without spirit and cadence," he said. "I suppose the original oath may not have been poetic when it was written, but the point is that, whereas it has cadence and poetry, the present one sounds like it was written by a

"Of course, today's medical students are so ignorant they may be more at home with computer-speak than poetry,

He said he agreed with the sentiments behind the new oath, but thought its good intentions did not come through in the new language. "I could have a lot of fun

Falstaff, who reviews po for The Times, said the BMA should never have tampered with Hippocrates in the first place. "I really can't see much wrong with the original," he said. "This stuff is mealy-

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MA rejects legal euthanasia

idea of euthanasia yesterday after a debate in which they said they would use all their professional influence to oppose any attempt to make it legal for them to kill patients (lan Murray writes).

Sandy Macara, chairman of the British Medical Association, summed up the emotional mood of its annual conference in Edinburgh: "Our patients rightly see us as saving life and not embracing death. We should do nothing to betray their trust in that vital function.

Surendra Kumar, a GP from St Helens. Merseyside, said doctors should not be

DOCTORS overwhelmingly opposed any regarded like a vet to put down sick animals. They must ease suffering and not end life.

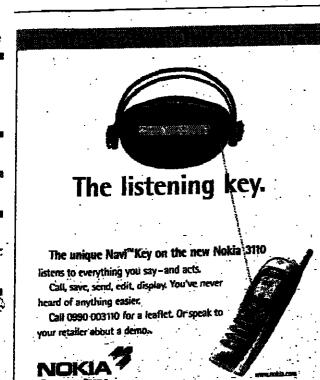
Fay Wilson, a Birmingham GP, said: "Our function is not to dispose of people. Our function is to care for them and make their lives better. Changing the law would take us down the slippery slope to an expectation that our function is to kill those whose life is not worthwhile."

Michael Stuart, a GP from Southendon-Sea, Essex, who founded a hospice and helped to set up the Association of Palliative Care, said that during 30 years in practice he had patients who "asked me

to finish them off". When he asked them it they really wanted him to come along with a syringe and end it all, they all changed their minds. He had treated patients who had been able to live for some time with a good quality of life after proper treatment to control their physical, mental and spiritual pain.

Dr Stuart said he was sometimes suspicious of the motives of relatives who asked for someone to be put out of their misery. Even though most were seriously concerned about the suffering of someone they loved, there were some who wanted to get their hands on an expected legacy.

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# Head teacher gave pupils test answers

Resignation after 'terrible mistake' is blamed on the pressures of combining administration and teaching. John O'Leary reports

THE head teacher of a primary school has resigned after admitting that he cheated in this summer's national tests by giving pupils answers in advance.

George Senk wrote to parents announcing his resignation and telling them that he had opened the science paper a week before the test and talked to a class of H-year-olds about the questions. He had been suspended as head of Bradfield primary school, near Harwich in Essex, after confessing to test officials and governors.

The resignation comes less than a week after reports of widespread cheating prompted Estelle Morris, the Education Minister responsible for school standards, to demand an investigation by the School Curriculum and Assessment Authority. She said she was "absolutely appalled" that teachers might have acted unprofessionally to improve their schools' position in league tables.

A SCAA spokeswoman said that almost 50 schools were being invesrigated, although most of the inci-dents involved individual pupils

rather than suspicions of organised cheating. "Markers are asked to report any possible cases of cheating, but we do not believe it is widespread."

In his letter to parents Mr Senk. 52, said he had given the school's 13 candidates a "short quiz" on two science topics he knew would be tested. "I then realised that I had made a terrible mistake, which was caused by the extreme pressures upon me by my growing responsibilities within the school.

The 100-pupil school did not feature in this year's league table because it had too few candidates. but the current class of II-year-olds would qualify for inclusion. Mr Senk said he did not want any of the children to be disadvantaged as they moved to secondary school.

His resignation cut short an official inquiry, which had prevented Mr Senk or the governors from making any statement on the affair. Mr Senk, speaking from his bungalow home in Clacton-on-Sea yesterday, said: "Heads of small impossible task to be a teacher and an administrator. I have a staff of three and a part-time secretary and I still have to work from 7.30 in the morning until late at night."

produce an accurate reflection of the school or the ability of its pupils, said Mr Senk, who had been head teacher at Bradfield for almost ten years. Mathematics and English papers sent to the school were not opened in advance, and all the tests had gone ahead as planned.

Mike Barnett, Essex County Council edcuation spokesman, said: "It is a very sad end to a head teacher's career. It reflects the stress he was under at the time, which was made worse by the prospect of individuals' results being published."

Mr Barnett said the information gathered in the authority's inquiry would be passed on to the Department for Education and Employ ment. He added that Mr Senk wished to return to schools and



The English doctor: Anthony Minghella, British director of *The English Patient*, after receiving an honorary doctorate of literature yesterday at Hull University, where he lectured until 1981

### Rules on teaching religion ignored

SCHOOLS with pupils from the ethnic minorities spend less time teaching Christianity in RE lessons, inspectors said yesterday. Their findings suggest that many schools are flouting the 1998 Education Act which states RE teaching should be "in the main

Research at 90 schools by Ofsted, the school inspector ate, showed the balance of faiths taught to children was significantly affected by the proportion of pupils from a non-Christian background.

One in four of the schools spent less than a third of its infant school in Kirklees, west Yorkshire, where all the children are Muslim, taught only about Islam.

Richard Wilkins, general secretary of the Association of Christian Teachers, said teachers were frightened of Christianity. "If the ethnic mix of a school gives the slightest

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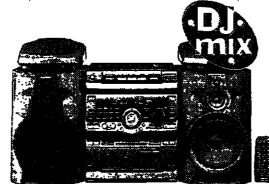
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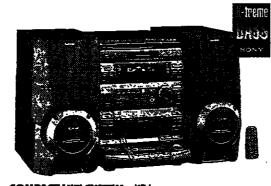




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# An easy stroke diagnosis may disguise the real problem



Dr Thomas Stuttaford

ELDERLY stroke victims are not the only ones who are shamefully underinvestigated and undertreated, Anthony. Clarke, medical director of the Royal National Hospital for Rheumatic Diseases in Bath, and consultant in charge of the neuro-rehabilitation unit at the hospital, said yesterday.

Dr Clarke, speaking at the annual meeting of the trustees the medical charity Remedi, gave examples of middle-aged patients where the medical interest in their condition had evaporated once the diagnosis of a stroke had been made, but who in fact had responded to treatment once the correct diagnoses had been reached.

A typical case history, Dr Clarke said, was that of Sarah Jones (not her real name), who was aged 55 when she fell in her kitchen. After the fall Sarah had signs of severe brain damage and the assumption was made that she had only fallen because she had had a stroke. Paralysed; with difficulty swallowing and speaking, she was transferred to the rehabilitation unit after several weeks in an

acute hospital ward. She had no expert, or even detailed, neurological examination but when she had the appropriate scans and other routine investigations it was found that the root of her trouble was not a stroke, but a head injury. Sarah had tripped in the kitchen and hit her head so hard on the floor that it had caused enough damage to give rise to an

internal hydrocephalus. In obstruction to the free flowing of the cerebro-spinal fluid within the brain so that the pressure within the skull rises dangerously.

Once Sarah had been fitted with a valve to allow the fluid to drain her symptoms vanished and she was able to be discharged home capable of looking after herself.

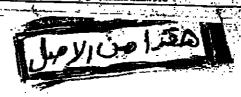
Another patient who had been misdiagnosed as a stroke victim was a 49-yearold man who on admission had signs of a generalised and severe right-sided, weakness together with a loss of ability to greak. The man, although he was younger than the physician who was mitially treating him, was thought to be too old to warrant extensive and expensive treatment.

It transpired that the patient had not had a stroke at all but was suffering from luous (SLE). Inflammation of the cerebrai blood vessels. which can occur in lunus, had given rise to the signs and symptoms which mimic the signs of a stroke. After treatment with steroids the patient .: was soon ready for discharge. One simple blood test, the ESR, usually done as a routine measure would have

alerted the doctor. Dr Clarke has shown that a thorough investigation of patients with a stroke, even if elderly, should include a full neurological examination. scanning, investigation of the neck arteries, chest X-rays, blood tests and an ECG.

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Members of the trust listening to yesterday's debate over whether to accept £40,000 sponsorship from the supermarket chain Sainsbury's. The meeting approved the deal

# Baby milk deal angers mothers

Alexandra Frean reports on a rebellion at the National Childbirth Trust over sponsorship from Sainsbury's

REBEL mothers staged a mass resignation yesterday from the National Childbirth Trust, whose advocacy of deep breathing exercises and breastfeeding has trans-formed childbearing for two generations of mothers, in protest at a decision to accept sponsorship money.

Dozens of mothers stood up at the end of an acrimonious extraordinary general meet-ing and pledged to form a breakaway organisation. They were protesting at the charity's decision to accept £40,000 from the supermarket Sainsbury's, which sells its own brand of baby milk.

They argued that the link with the supermarket chain compromised the NCT's integrity as an independent source of advice for young mothers, and undermined its "breast is best" philosophy. They also claimed that the deal was in

breach of World Health Organisation rules banning links between health workers and baby milk manufacturers.

The meeting rejected the motion that the sponsorship compromised the trust's integrity, but moral victory went to the rebels. Mary Broadfoot, an NCT breastfeeding tutor from Glasgow, who led the rebels, said at least 72 of the organisation's 600 breastfeeding counsellors were planning to resign.
She said news of the

sponsorship had been "like finding out your partner has been unfaithful. We are not radicals, we are simply fighting for the status quo and a return to the basic values and integrity of our organisation." she told the meeting in Acton Town Hall, west London.

Kim Margey, from Glasgow, said that she would be

rival organisation. "It's bad enough having to cope with the white middle-class image of the NCT without having it flung in my face that the NCT has sold out," she said.

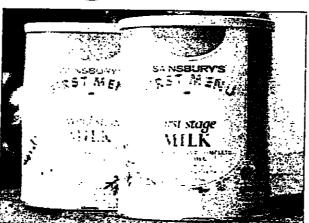
The NCT leadership was able to defeat the vote against the sponsorship deal because of thousands of proxy votes from members who had been targeted and wooed by mailings from the charity's central organisation.

But if the mood of the

meeting was anything to go by, many more of the trust's 50,000 members may leave the organisation. One mother broke down in

tears as she spoke of being ignored, ostracised and rejected by an organisation she had grown to love. She felt that the trustees had not listened to the views of the members. Her

words were loudly applauded. The National Childbirth



Rebels believe the use of breast milk substitute runs counter to the trust's philosophy that breast is best

Trust was formed 41 years ago with an advertisement in the better maternity services, championing breastfeeding, personal columns of The natural methods of pain relief Times. Its founder, Prunella and questioning what it calls Briance, who originally called it the Natural Childbirth Assothe "unnecessary rise in Cae-sarean births". It provides ciation, advocated the modern antenatal classes and breast-"woman-centred" care that is feeding counsellors as well as now government policy. a highly effective support

The organisation has campaigned long and hard for

day's meeting, which cost \$50,000 to organise, supporters of the sponsorship deal said that the rebels' resolution would have the effect of banning employees of baby milk manufacturers and employees of retailers such as Sainsbury's from joining the trust. They said it might even prevent members who hosted coffee mornings from buying milk, coffee and biscuits from Sainsbury's.

Kathrine George, from Bel-fast, said she did not think that the rebels were representative of most members. "I have not been contacted by any members who see anything wrong with accepting money from Sainsbury's. Sainsbury's to them is just a grocery store."

Ruth Stone, chair of the NCT council of trustees. regretted that yesterday's meeting had taken place, calling it "unnecessary and frank-ly unaffordable". She said: "I realise that it is difficult for some people to accept change. But the NCT must change.

#### network for pregnant women and young mothers. At yester-Chubby babies bounce

Bouncing baby boys grow up to be happy men, but skinny babies often get the blues in

consultant psychiatrist, told the Royal College of Psychiatry conference, that people who had been plump babies. especially boys, were less likely to suffer depression. His findings were based on a study of health records in Hertfordshire.

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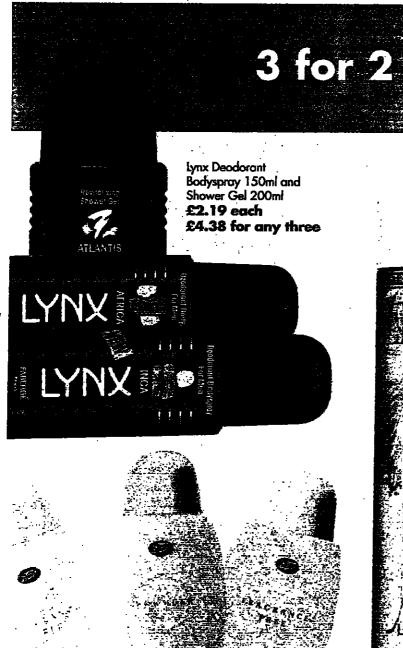
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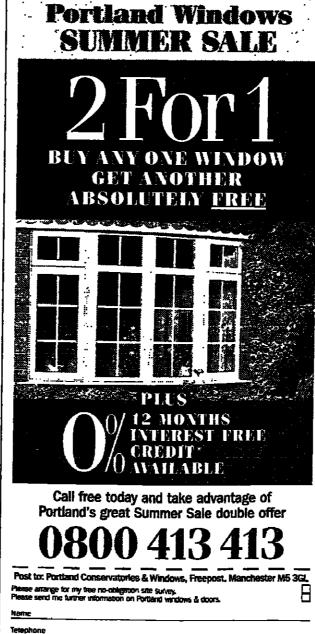


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### Chartered accountant did not log payments

LITTLE credit is given to Tim Smith for being the only Tory MP to admit before the Downey inquiry began that he had been in the pay of Mohamed Al Fayed (Andrew Pierce

Mr Smith, who received £50 notes stuffed in brown envelopes or delivered by motorcycle courier to his home, denied as late as 1993 that he had tabled questions for cash. This lack of candour by Mr Smith, and the uncertainty over the total sums he received from Mr Al Fayed, are matters of great concern," Sir Gordon

#### SMITH

says. "Mr Smith is a chartered accountant and I should have expected him to have more accurate records.

Nine months after the inquiry began. Mr Smith has failed to supply Sir Gordon with documents to show that he paid VAT on the payments from the Egyptian businessman. The sums were so great that Mr Smith lost track of the total. Even Mr Al Fayed could not keep account: he thought he had handed over £10,000 in two years but Mr Smith admitted the total was EIS,000-E25,000.

He is criticised not only for failing to declare the payments in the Commons register but also because he was acceding to the preference of his Harrods paymaster.

The inquiry by the Parlia-mentary Commissioner for Standards revealed a first instalment of £5,000 was handed over in an envelope in May 1987. Mr Smith had claimed that Mr Al Fayed initiated the arrangement but the owner of Harrods said the

payment was expected. The payments ceased in January 1989 when Tony Rowland, the owner of Lonrho who was a bitter business rival of Mr Al Fayed, wrote an open letter that exposed it.

Mr Smith "hesitantly" declared a financial interest for a period of two and a half weeks in January 1989. The report says: "This has to be seen as a disingenuous attempt at concealment. On any view, this was a totally unacceptable form of registration by Mr

# Hamilton's credibility torn to shreds by 'compelling evidence'

Andrew Pierce itemises the case against the former Tatton MP as seen by Sir Gordon Downey

NEIL HAMILTON, whose defiant rejection of the cash for questions allegations overshadowed the Tory election campaign, is found to have accepted at least £25,000.

The damning conclusions of

the report disclose that Sir Gordon Downey, the Parlia-mentary Commissioner, effectively dismissed Mr Hamilton's 36.000-word submission to the inquiry as untrue. Mr Hamilton's credibility is torn to shreds in the 900-page report. He is found to have taken cash for questions: concern is expressed at a failure to to declare the payments to the Inland Revenue: he is found to have lied to Michael Heseltine in a desperate battle to keep his ministeri-

Sir Gordon wrote: "The evidence that Mr Hamilton received cash payments directly from Mr Al Fayed, in return pelling; and so I conclude."

The payments, Sir Gordon concluded, were unlikely to be less than the £18,000 to £25,000 received by Tim Smith. Mr Al Fayed claimed the figure was closer to £50,000. The way in which these payments were received and concealed fell well below the standards expected of MPs," the report said.

The commissioner rejected Mr Hamilton's denials in favour of the word of two "reliable witnesses" - the two secretaries for Mr Al Fayed who told the inquiry they regularly took messages from

the "payments were late". The killer blow to Mr Hamilton's case was the admission to the inquiry by Tim Smith. then MP for Beaconsfield, that he had accepted between £18,000 and £25,000 from Mr

Al Faved. "In both the timing and the method of payment, Mr Smith's case provides strong support for Mr Al Fayed's allegations against Mr Hamilton," Sir Gordon wrote, "Further. I have not received any convicing explanation as to why Mr Al Fayed should make truthful allegations of cash payments to Mr Smith but similar untruthful allegations in relation to Mr Hamilton.

"It is difficult to escape the conclusion that, as the inquiry has progressed and more and more has been discovered, Mr Hamilton's credibility has suffered increasingly serious

However, Sir Gordon reject-ed the charge by Mr Al Fayed that the payments to Mr Hamilton were funnelled through Mr Greer. There is no evidence to indicate that Mr Hamilton received cash indirectly through Mr Greer." Mr Hamilton is also taken

to task for failing to declare the two commission payments from Mr Greer which included paintings and furniture worth £10,000. He said it was a matter for the Inland Revenue whether there should be an investigation. "However, I remain concerned about these

In another damning conclu-



Neil Hamilton and his wife, Christine, leaving their home in London yesterday ahead of publication of the report

sion, Mr Hamilton was said to have "persistently and deliberately" failed to declare his interests in the House of Fraser and Skoal Bandits, a chewing tobacco company. and was "positively misleading" about the status of his

commissioner disrepresentations.
Sir Gordon also censured agreed. He said that it was beyond dispute that Mr Ham-

Mr Hamilton over the stay at ilton was engaged in considerthe Ritz hotel in Paris during which he ran up a £2,500 bill able activity on Mr'Al Fayed's behalf. "This hospitality was part of his reward for lobbying with his wife, Christine. Mr Hamilton denied the stay was services. It was not as it part of his reward for lobbyshould have been, registered." When the allegations broke

in The Guardian, Michael Heseltine then President of the Board of Trade, had telephoned Mr Hamilton, junior DTI minister, and was protesting his innocence. Mr misled Mr Heseltine by providing "an absolute assurance that he had no financial relationship with Mr Greer".

member for 30 years, until the report

was published. But the confirmation

that he accepted cash, and failed to

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## After-dinner circuit beckons for man at wit's end

By ANDREW PIERCE

DISCIPLINARY proceedings will begin today at the Institute of Chartered Accountants which could result in Tim Smith being struck off

The move, which will be a serious setback to Mr Smith's attempts to relaunch a career in the City. came as it emerged that Ian Greer, the lobbyist, has been forced to sell his Greer Associates, which at the peak

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home in southwest London. Mr Greer. who was exonerated of the charge of being the conduit for Mohamed Al Fayed to pay Neil Hamilton and Mr Smith, has not worked since his libel trial against *The Guardian* collapsed in October last year. His company, lan

of its powers had a £3.5 million annual turnover, has gone into voluntary liquidation.

specialising in taxation, has told friends that he would like to work with a City law firm. But the devastating conclusions of the report have almost certainly put paid to his ambitions. He is more likely to eke out a living on the after-dinner circuit. One of the former MP's

friends said last night "He is desperate. All he has got is the hope that he can make a name for himself in television and the media as a pundit and wit. But I am not sure people think he is funny anymore." Yesterday Mr Hamilton and his wife, Christine, demanded £75 fees:

pay income tax on the payments, has damaged his standing with the A committee will conduct the from broadcasters for interviews. investigation and if, as expected, the Their house will also be up for sale. members find that there is a case to

The Institute of Chartered Accounanswer he will be ordered before a tants decided to delay launching an private hearing.

MP 'closed his eyes to source of money'

AND JAMES LANDALE

THE report upholds the central allegation against Sir Andrew Bowden that he accented a £5,300 fee in return for lobbying on behalf of Mohamed Al Fayed.

Mohamed Al Fayed.

The money from Mr Al
Fayed was paid via the lobbying company Ian Greer Asso-ciates for Sir Andrew's election fighting fund in the

1987 campaign. Sir Gordon said that it would be "unsafe to conclude" that Sir Andrew either de-

#### BOWDEN AND GRYLLS

manded or received money for Mr Al Fayed. However, the report said that Sir Andrew must either have known about "or closed his eyes to" the probable source of the money. He is criticised for failing to declare the donation.

Sir Andrew, who lost his Brighton Kemptown seat at the election, has always denied Mr Al Fayed's claim that he asked for an annual fee of £50,000. He has also denied that he knew the money towards his election expenses had come from Mr Al Fayed. The report said that Sir Andrew had earned the payment for tabling Parliamentary Questions about Mr Al Fayed's takeover of the House of Fraser and Harrods.

Sir Michael Grylls, the former Tory MP for Surrey North-West, deliberately misled a Commons committee by understating the number of commission payments he received from Ian Greer, the report said.

Sir Michael, 63, who stood down at the election, also failed to inform the Select Committee on Members' Interests of other payments he received from the lobbyist.

The report concluded that Sir Michael did receive payments from Ian Greer but not

However, it was not possible to conclude that these payments originated from Mr Al Fayed, although Sir Michael actively participated in the Greer lobbying operation. But the report said the link was a "distinct possiblility".

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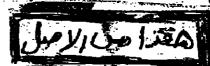
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# Downey sets out important lessons on regulation

By PETER RIDDELL

THE electorate has done Parliament and the Tory party a favour. If those former MPs severely criticised by Sir Gordon Downey had not been defeated on May I, the Tories would be facing four or five by elections later this year,

In a sense, therefore, yesterday's three-volume report represents a closing of a chapter, and a bizarre and squalid one at that, although there are important lessons for regula-

Neil Hamilton's repeated protestations of innocence are torn apart in Sir Gordon's careful, forensic analysis. He finds the evidence that Mr Hamilton received cash directly from Mohamed Al Fayed compelling", concludes that

6 Neil Hamilton's claims last night of a miscarriage of

justice were brazenly pathetic ?

he "deliberately misled" Michael Heseltine and that he was "enriching himself at the indirect expense" of a constituent. Tim Smith, Sir Andrew Bowden, Sir Michael Grylls

and Michael Brown are shown to have been guilty of unacceptable and misleading behaviour. Sir Gordon's case is damning and, while Parliament cannot take specific sanctions against non-MPs, those accused should now withdraw from public life. Mr Hamilton's claims last night

about a miscarriage of justice were brazenly pathetic. The report should be read closely by all those MPs, including Sir Archibald Hamilton, chairman of the Tory backbench 1992 committee. and a number of his col-

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leagues on its executive, who so vigorously objected to the Nolan report two years ago.

The Downey inquiry vindicates not only his appointment

as Parliamentary Commis-sioner for Standards but also the tighter controls on outside interests and the requirements for more open disclosure introduced after Nolan. If these controls had been brought in a decade or more ago, this affair might not have developed, or it would have been clearer much earlier that Mr Hamilton and others were

breaking Parliament's rules. The cash for questions affair has taken far too long to be sorted out, though even dipping yesterday into the three volumes shows why. It is an extraordinary, probably unique, business. When publication of the Downey report was held up by the calling of the general election, critics argued that the whole process of self-regulation was flawed. Yesterday's report shows that

this verdict was premature. However, improvements are needed. First, as Sir Gordon admitted in his preface to the pre-election edition of the register of members' interests. standards of disclosure of payments under the new rules are patchy. The new Standards and Privileges Committee needs to tighten enforce-

Second, the committee's procedures for hearing complaints are defective and need to be put on a more judicial basis. If a complaint is being pursued, both the case for and that against should be presented by a lawyer, with the committee acting more like a judge and jury. The full House would, as now, decide whether to approve any recommended

Third, the Government has

bribery of people in public life, including MPs. A special joint committee of both Houses will consider the implications for parliamentary privilege since, under Article 9 of the Bill of Rights, what is said and done in Parliament cannot be quoted in the courts. (This was

the article that was amended at the request of Mr Hamilton to allow him to pursue his abortive libel case against The Guardian \ The "cash for questions" affair knocked away the final argument for the old approach of "MPs are good chaps who can be trusted". But that does

nal law on corruption and

The criminal law should apply in clear cases of corruption, but otherwise MPs should prove that their behaviour is above board via a system of tough and open selfregulation.

not mean that MPs should be

regulated entirely by out-



Sir Gordon Downey: Civil Service background equipped him for task

# Stickler for detail dug deep for truth

WHITEHALL EDITOR

WHEN Sir Gordon Downey was appointed Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards he met resentment on two fronts. MPs disliked a "policeman"

in their midst, especially one earning £72,000 a year. By contrast, rival contenders thought he had got the job because he was "one of the boys". One disappointed applicant said: It was a fix. MPs just wanted one of their own."

Certainly he knows the system. He is a former Comptroller and Auditor-General, the chief public spending watchdog, and is well-versed in the ways of Parliament.

But he is also a man of utter probity and correctness. It is said he left the Givil Service because he did not like the way Margaret Thatcher expected allegiance from officials.

But the lengthy gestation period of his report stands against Sir Gordon and has raised serious doubts about the effectiveness of parliamentary self-regulation. John Major had asked for the report "within weeks" but it took ten months Yesterday's findings proved

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devastating, but what is intriguing is why they did not appear during the last Parliament.

Sir Gordon's task was clearly combersome and at the start of his inquiry he had a serious bout of influenza. Some blame was directed at The Guardian for taking a long time to deliver documents. But the process was delayed too by his nsatiable demand for detail. It is clear that the main

political parties were in no haste to see the report published before the election. Sir Gordon, who will be 70 next April was working part-time, four days a week. If MPs really had wanted speedier publication, there is no doubt that Sir Gordon would have worked a full week. All the parties believed that he should be allowed to work

at his own pace. One Westminster source said: "Sir Gordon is a consummate bureaucrat. That is why he was such a fine civil servant. He absorbs detail and paper, and politicians were prepared to give him time. He is a stickler on rules.

### MILESTONES IN A SCANDAL

October 1994: The Guardian exposes the "cash-for-ques-tions" scandal and Stuart Bell, Labour's former industry mons that Neil Hamilton and Tim Smith received cash from Mohamed Al Fayed. Mr Smith resigns as junior Northern Ireland Minister. Mr Hamilton resigns as Department of Trade Minister and sues The Guardian for libel. March 1995: Mr Hamilton accused of breaching Parliamentary rules by not declar-ing stay at Ritz Hotel, Paris.

October 1996: Mr Hamilton and lan Greer pull out of Guardian libel action. Later, Mr Hamilton admits acceptand £4,000 for introducing new clients to Mr Greer. An all-party committee is set up to investigate sleaze and Sir Gordon is asked to report. March 1997: Interim report clears 15 of the 25 MPs said to

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Downey appointed standards pulls out of libel action against commissioner. The Guardian.

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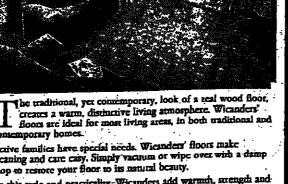
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# Troops prepare for the worst in march stalemate

Nicholas Watt reports on another standoff at Drumcree

THOUSANDS of troops will be sent to guard strategic locations throughout Northern Ireland this weekend if no agreement is reached on the route of the marching season's most contentious parade.

The aim would be to prevent a repeat of the disturbances sparked off by last year's march in Drumcree. Co Armugh. Troops will guard the main port at Lame. Co Antrim, and Belfast airport to stop any loyalists who try to bring Northern Ireland to a standstill. Hardline Orangemen, who virtually paralysed the province last year, have drawn up plans to blockade ports and main roads if the march scheduled for Sunday

Troops will also be sent to flashpoints in Belfast and Londonderry to control any rioting by republicans if the

march is forced down the Roman Catholic Garvaghy Road into Portadown. Republicans have appointed "Catholic defence committees".

Serious lovalist violence erupted throughout Northern Ireland last year when Orangemen were banned from marching along the Garvaghy

Road. Police reversed their decision after a four-day standoff with loyalists, which led to nationalist violence in Belfast and Londonderry.

One senior political source in Northern Ireland said that the contigency plans would be put into action tomorrow if Protestants and Catholics failed to reach agreement on the route. With only two days

are fading. The source said: "We cannot allow the ports and airports to be blockaded. What happened last year was very damaging for Northern Ireland and we cannot afford a repeat of that. The Government stopped the miners in the 1980s, so why not do that in Northern Ireland?"

The security forces will also aim to prevent Orangemen from outside the Portadown area massing at Drumcree church as they did last year. There will be no bus service for marchers this year.

The 17.000 troops in the

province, who are trained to

deal with public order disturbances before beginning their tours of dury, have received refresher courses in the run-Efforts by the Government

were continuing yesterday to Mo Mowlam, the Northern

Fred Oliver will lead Sunday's Orange Order march: "If nationalists don't like the parade, they should go inside and close their front doors"

Ireland Secretary, yesterday find a peaceful solution. Tony Blair discussed the parade with Bertie Ahern at their first backed a compromise plan proposed by Bob McCartney. meeting since the Irish Prime the United Kingdom Unionist Minister was elected last MP for North Down, Under month. Britain will be hoping that Mr Ahern can help to would march down part of the calm lears among Portadown Garvaghy Road but not the

However, Breandan Mac

Cionnaith, the head of the Garvaghy Residents' Group, insisted that the march had to be stopped. Mr Mac Cionnaith, a convicted terrorist. said: "The Drumcree march is all about who runs the Six Counties. Is it the British Government, or is it the

Changing route will make our future insecure'

THE ORANGEMAN

FRED OLIVER, 57, who has a fight with us and to turn us marched down Garvaghy Road for 23 years, will lead Sunday's Orange parade as the Portadown District Sword Bearer.

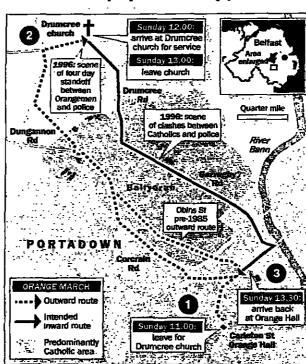
"It is very important for me and for my family that we follow our traditional route because my father carried the Portadown District banner on the parade for more than 20 years after the war. Ordown the Garvaghy Road for nearly 200 years and if we change our traditional route we will be making our future

"There was no problem with our march until Sinn Fein-IRA stoked it up to pick

even less secure.

against the police. If nationalists don't like the parade. they should go inside and close their front doors behind them, just as I switch channels on television if I don't like a programme They've accused our bands of playing sectarian songs. but on Sundays we only ever play

The church service will commemorate the Battle of the Somme in 1916. We will be remembering not just the Protestants who died in the hattle but also the Catholics. We have never abused anyone during our parade and the only abuse comes from the Garvaghy Road."



# **'Triumphalism** made us angry'

THE PORTADOWN CATHOLIC

KATHLEEN BROWN, 36. lives next to Garvaghy Road and is married with three young children. Her brothern-law was killed in an Ulster Volunteer Force bomb attack in Portadown in 1994.

"For so long the scales of justice in Northern Ireland were nneven. Over the past 25 years we have seen them evening out a bit because nationalists have stood up for their rìghts. "I bave sat on the Garvaghy

Road for the past two years and will do so again for another two years to keep the Orangemen out of our area They don't want to march in their own area, because they wouldn't be annoying any one. Their parades are beating bitterness into my children. I do not want any trouble and I don't want to see anyone hurt. But we can only vote Sinn Fein because

they are the only ones who speak out for us.
The Orangemen say we

should not be upset by their

march because it passes in five minutes. But they're for-

getting that last year we were

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ainst the parade, we were

beaten outside our homes.

Their behaviour last year and

the triumphalism of 1995 has

Kathleen Brown: will sit in the path of marchers

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station Mir. damaged by a collision last week, was hit by another problem yesterday when its alignment system broke down, causing a further loss of power and casting greater doubts over the longterm future of the mission.

Sergei Krikalyov, a former Mir cosmonaut, who is now deputy chief of the programme at the mission control centre near Moscow, said there was an unexplained malfunction in the station's gyrodines, the electrical devices that keep the complex correctly aligned to the Sun in order that its solar panel can

pick up maximum power. He said the station was having to use its rocket boosters to maintain the correct alignment, using up valuable supplies of fuel. "There is no danger for the cosmonauts or rough fuel, but it is unpleas-

THE stricken Russian space ant," he said. The station has already lost up to half its power as a result of last week's collision, which happened during a practice docking manoeuvre with an unmanned Progress supply craft.

Flight Commander Vasili Tsibliyev lost control of the craft, which made its ap-proach too fast, smashing into the station's Spektr research module and damaging solar panels. The crew managed to seal off the module.

Viktor Blagov, deputy head of the Korolyov control centre. said the latest breakdown did not pose any serious problems. It is a question of carrying out repairs to one of the three gyrodines. We are confident that we will be able to deal with it by the end of the day," he said. The mishap will nonethe-

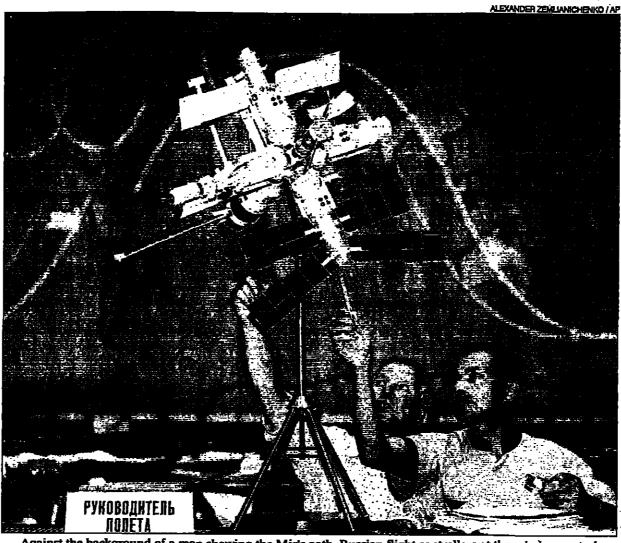
less add to the doubts being expressed in the United States about its continued support

for the Mir programme. Nasa is putting \$475 million (£284 million) annually into the

there were calls from Congress to review safety on board the station before putting more American lives in jeopardy. And while Nasa has reaffirmed its intention to continue its participation, the latest problem will add to the pressure for a reappraisal.

On Saturday, a Progress cargo craft is due to blast off from the main Russian launch station at Baikonur in Kazakhstan, carrying supplies and equipment needed to carry out repairs. It will take two days to reach Mir.

While no official explana-tion has been offered for last week's collision, the Russian newspaper Segodnya reported yesterday that it was due to human error and an overloaded cargo craft.



Against the background of a map showing the Mir's path, Russian flight controllers at the mission control centre near Moscow yesterday check a mock-up of the space station for possible clues to the latest accident

### Rickety machine of a lost empire

From Richard Beeston

in moscow WHEN Leonid Kizim first set eyes on the Mir space station orbiting above the globe, he likened the pride of the Soviet space programme to "a huge white seagull hovering above the Earth".

Certainly when it was launched in 1986, Mir was in a class of its own, and after Nasa's disaster with the explosion of the Challenger shuttle the Soviet Union appeared poised again to pioneer manned space flights.

Eleven years and an empire later, the Russian space programme is one of the most evocative symbols of the country's decline as a world power. along with the collapse of communism and the loss of

military superpower status.

When Michael Foale, the British-born US astronaut, who was nearly evacuated last week after a collision between Mir and a cargo vessel, began his mission on a craft that is falling apart, he compared his new home to going camping in a rusty

#### **Excavated** bones are linked to Guevara

CUBAN, Bolivian and Argentine anthropologists, searching for the remains of Ernesto "Che" Guevara in the junglecovered foothills of the Bolivian Andes, have found bones which they say "very proba-bly" belonged to the legendary revolutionary (Gabriella Gamini writes).

"We are 99 per cent sure that Che Guevara's bones are among the six skeletons we found buried in a pit under a military landing strip on the edge of the Andes," said Jorge González, a Cuban anthropologist who conducted the excavations near the town of

His team found half a dozen



Guevara: killed in 1967 by Bolivian troops

skeletons, and among them bones which are a slight red colour, indicating traces of formaldehyde, making experts think they could belong to the bearded revolutionary. who was captured and killed by Bolivian troops in 1967.

Guevara's body was kept in a hospital for more than 36 hours, and the anthropologists therefore believe that it must have been preserved in

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# Canada's military censured over Somalia killings

FROM RICHARD CLEROUX IN OTTAWA

A ROYAL commission of inquiry into the torture and murder of Somali teenagers by Canadian paratroops in 1993 handed down an indictment of the entire defence staff and the manner in which the Somalia peacekeeping operation was conducted.

The inquiry, which lasted more than two years, heard 116 witnesses, concluded that there was a cover-up by Canadian officers in Somalia and at headquarters in Ottawa over incidents outside a Canadian encampment. On March 4, 1993, soldiers worried about looters shot two unarmed Somalis in the back as they fled, killing one. Twelve days later, they tortured to death a love-arold.

The report.

Legacy. savaged Canadian officers, accusing them of poor
leadership, buck-passing and
lying under oath. It said that
the peacekeepers were poorly
disciplined and lacked proper
equipment, and that the mission was badly planned and
executed. Among those singled out for blame was Robert
Fowler, then Deputy Defence
Minister, now Canada's Anibassador to the UN, and ViceAdmiral Larry Murray,
Acting Chief of the Canadian
Defence Staff, described as
"not the best man" to lead the
armed forces.

Art Eggleton, the Defence Minister, denounced the findings. He said that the commission had "gone too far" and had failed to prove its case that senior officers lied.

# Italy pledges full inquiry on torture

Rome: Italy said yesterday that there would be "no coverup" over the alleged abuse of Somali civilians by Italian troops four years ago. although it had emerged that some evidence was manufac-

tured (Richard Owen writes).
Last week, a former Italian soldier who claimed to have seen Somalis murdered admitted (ying, But Beníamino Andreatta, the Defence Minister, said the inquiry into other allegations of forture and abuse was continuing

"with all vigour". He believed many allegations would be found to be false or exaggerated, and said the armed forces "must not be demonised".

The weekly magazine Panorama last month shocked Italy with photographs allegedly showing peacekeeping paratroops sexually abusing a Somali woman and attaching electrodes to a Somali man. Those incidents are still being investigated, together with more than 30 alleged cases of torture and rape.

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A fiery cloud rises over the Turkish town of Kirrikale. about 35 miles east of Ankara. after an explosion at a munitions plant yesterday. The authorities ordered the evacuation of nearly 200,000 residents, fearing that a fire

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town after blast in the plant could spread to the main air force arsenal in the area. A civilian was killed and scores of soldiers

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and policemen were injured. The Anatolia news agency said there were reports of looting in the town as the evacuation continued. Government ministers visited Kirikkale and declared it a disaster area. (AFP)

# Alliance nations wrangle over costs of growth

By Michael Evans defence correspondent

NATO'S plan to expand into Eastern Europe, to be formally launched at a summit in Madrid next Tuesday with invitations to three countries to join the alliance, remains a bold gamble that will present a huge challenge for the security organisation through to the next century.

The expansion policy developed almost by default. Even now, after Nato governments have put some intellectual flesh on to the bones of the idea, first put forward by the United States towards the end of 1993, there are many unanswered questions about the extent of any further expansion after the first stage has been completed by April 1999. Future policy will depend on how successfully Poland, the

ruture policy will depend on how successfully Poland, the Czech Republic and Hungary—the three favoured for first entry—integrate into Nato's military structure and whether the organisation itself can expand without undermining its principal raison d'être providing security guarantees to each member state.

With Romania and Slovenia

pressing hard to join in the first wave — and if they fall, to join a year or two later — Nato will have to decide in a comparatively short period whether its policy of expansion has worked and if there should be a ceiling imposed on the number of membership applications. Twelve countries, including the three Baltic states, have applied.

One of the main unan-



swered questions is the cost of enlargement. No estimate has been produced which has found favour with all alliance

An unpublished internal study by Nato's senior resource board revealed it would cost \$5 billion (£3 billion) over a ten-year period if one large country and one small were invited to join. Although this was a "generic" study, the Nato officials had Poland and the Czech Republic in mind.

However, this figure only relates to the cost to Nato's "common fund" of bringing in two more countries, upgrading their airfields and other defences, providing new head-quarters and expanding civilian staff. Each Nato member contributes to this common fund. The Americans rejected the Nato figure because it did not include the added cost to individual alliance countries of building up their own forces to guarantee the security of the

new members.

One Nato source said: "The Americans wanted us to say, what it would cost Britain, for example, to buy more Challenger tanks, and for Germany to buy more Leopard tanks to protect the new member states in the event of an aggressive act against them."

area for the Europeans, particularly the Germans, who do not want at this stage to be talking about increasing defence budgets when they are trying to balance the books to meet the European Union's monetary union criteria. They also insist there is no likelihood of any military aggression in Europe, so it is trelevant, they say, to include this scenario in estimating the cost of enlarging Nato.

The US Congressional Bud-

The US Congressional Budget Office did produce a more global figure for the total cost of Nato expansion and came up with \$20 billion to \$125 billion over 15 years, depending on the number of new members. The Pentagon's cost estimate is \$27 billion to \$35 billion over 13 years. One of the main reasons why America is so set against more than three countries joining in the first wave — and the White House has underlined this position

this week — is the cost.

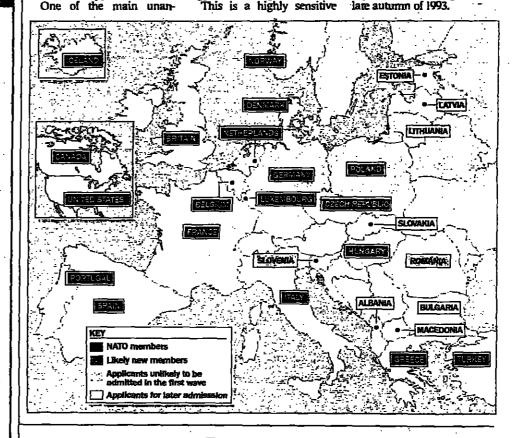
Britain has now, in effect, also come out in favour of restricting the first phase to Poland, the Czech Republic

and Hungary.

With the Americans refusing to contemplate a fourth or fifth candidate, there is no hope of the Western alliance reaching a consensus that would mean Romania and Slovenia also joining in the first wave.

The decisions on the next phases of enlargement will have to be addressed with more intellectual rigour than was applied when the idea of expansion first emerged in the

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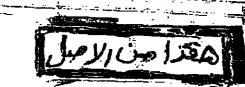
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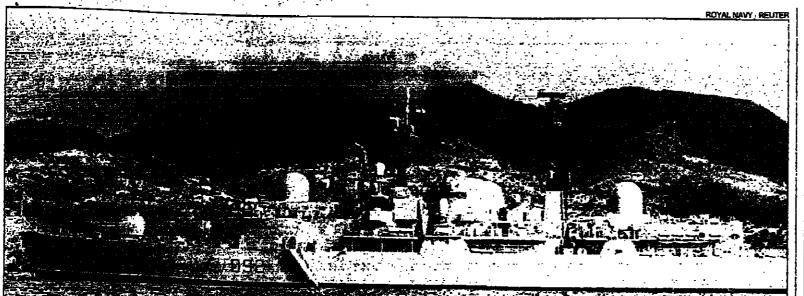
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# Hundreds flee dying island

FROM TOM RHODES IN MONTSERRAT

THE queue for the single ferry from Montserrat now stretches far along the emergency jetty at Little Bay every morn-ing. It is the most tangible sign that the spewing volcano which overshadows this tiny British colony has succeeded where past hurricanes, floods and pestilence have failed Indomitable to the last and

deeply committed to their island paradise, many Mont-serrations have decided that the historical romance with their mountain has finally soured. They see little hope of reconciliation and 70 islanders have been departing daily for other parts of the Caribbean time yesterday, the ferry made

two trips, catering for more than 100 people no longer able to tolerate the slow but certain disintegration of island life.

Dormant for centuries, Chances Peak in the Soufrière Hills awoke two years ago, spraying hot ash and lava across small sections of the island. Within the space of 16 months, however. Plymouth, the capital, has been evacuated, farms and businesses have been swamped, and two thirds

of the housing, three quarters

of the infrastructure, the port

and the airport have been lost. Last week, as many as 23 people died in terrifying pyroclastic flows as the mountain vented its spleen. Large areas have been transformed into a barren, ash-covered wasteland worthy of Malcolm Lowry — the author of Under the Volcano. Even in the "safe"

London: The Foreign Office yesterday held urgent discus-

sions with a group of MPs

and Montserrat representa-

tives on what further belp

could be given to those island-

ers fleeing to Britain (Michael

Binyon, Diplomatic Editor.

The Government is likely to

relax remaining restrictions

on entry into Britain, and is

lobbying Washington to al-

low Montserrat residents

with relations in America free

entry into the United States.

been a gradual but marked Evacuated families are often divided between separate shelters. There is no privacy. Rum, beer and casual sex have become the most common antidotes to lack of employment and a constant regular routine. fear that soon the blackened crater will engulf the whole

Carol Tuitt, a psychologist at the island's hospital, has been treating various forms of depression among an increasing number of islanders. "We have had this strange romance with the volcano but now that people have died it's as if a close friend has turned on us," she said.

island in a vast eruption.

"People are blaming themselves, they are blaming the British and the local government. But the most prevalent emotion is the fear that we are

When the volcano awoke two

years ago, the Conservative

Government announced that

any islander with friends or

relatives in Britain would be

allowed to come here provid-

ed they could pay their own

fare and find accommodation.

income support, housing

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Government is now re-exam-

ining regulations in light of

the increased danger.

They will be allowed to stay for two years, can legally seek work and will be entitled to

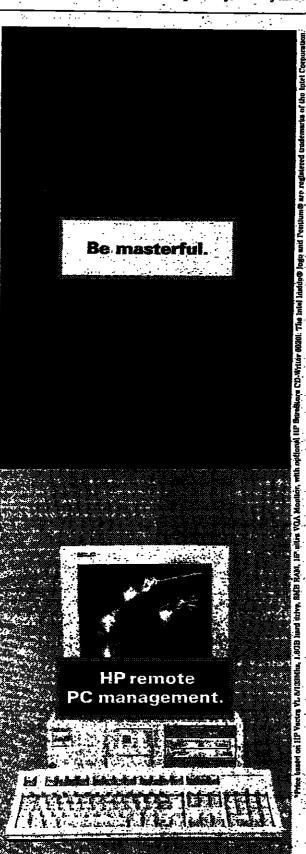
place we all love so much." And yet there is still the sense that life must go on. A thin veneer of normality remains in the north where, apart from thick deposits of ash, the volcano has failed to disturb a

The weekly barbecue at the Vue Pointe, the island's single hotel, attracted its traditional clientele. Frank Savage, the British Governor, was at one table while Bertrand Osborne, the Chief Minister, held court at another. Only the group of scientists, animal rights activists and journalists dotted about the room offered a hint that this was not colonial life

as it had always been. Neil Johnstone, a Scotland Yard chief inspector seconded to Montserrat as a liaison officer, sat alone at the bar deep in thought. "We're just watching and waiting and it seems like the island is dying around us," he said.

The British Government, under increasing pressure to resolve the crisis, has been criticised for playing a waiting game in advance of an expected mass evacuation of the island. Local opposition leaders have demanded that Whitehall pay for assisted passages to Britain.

In fact the British contingent on the ground is making every effort to alleviate increasingly difficult conditions. The crew of HMS Liverpool has built emergency kitchens. showers and storage units. But they, too, are frustrated. 'We don't seem to be doing much in the way of disaster relief," said one rating.



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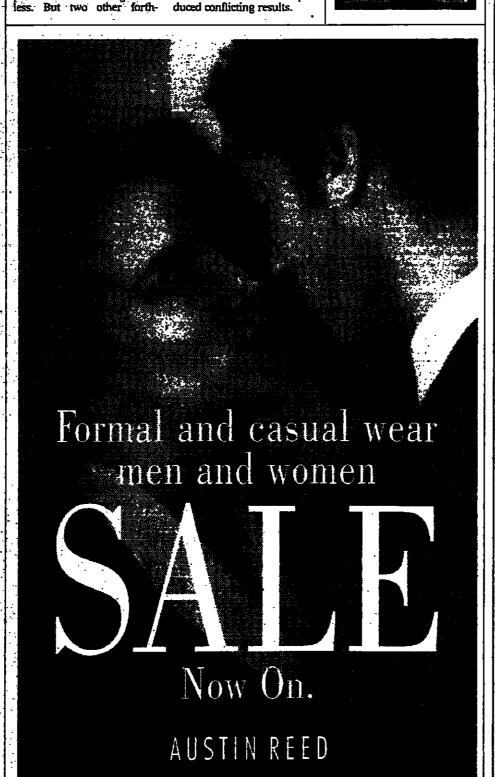
Washington: An American into a : modern-day health scare has concluded that children who live near high-voltage power lines do not appear to have a greater risk of developing cancer (lan-Brodie writes).

The researchers said yesterday their work was the strongest indication yet that parental concern was groundcoming studies, one by Oxford University, could help to settle the issue for good.

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FROM DAVID WATTS

TUNG CHEE-HWA. the Chief Executive of Hong Kong, is facing a dilemma only days into his term of office: what to do about skyrocketing property prices. which are up 30 per cent this year and climbing.

Late last year a luxurious property on The Peak on Hong Kong Island set a record, selling for \$HK723.8 million (£60.7 million). Prices like that for top-of-the-range properties are pulling the rest of the market along with them.

Wealth and land in Hong Kong are synonymous and the values on the stock market reflect the ever-increasing price of land. But the run-up to the handover has seen the property market turned into something like a casino. So fast are property prices rising middle-class Chinese family with both parents working and two children will need 90 per cent of its disposable income to pay the £200,000 mortgage on a 500 sq ft flat. For Hong Kong this is the

most sensitive public issue as its people are rapidly priced out of living space. And with a new administration in place that is, ostensibly, better able to relate to the people of the former colony the pressure is mounting on the Chief Executive to take action. Though there is a vast public housing programme for the less-welloff on the free market, the Government holds the key

since it owns most of the land. Therein lies Mr Tung's dilemma. If he responds by releasing more land onto the market to reduce prices, he will damage many of his business friends and bring stock prices cascading down. These fears are exacerbated by the knowledge that the market is in the stratosphere: the stocks of some mainland Chinese-backed firms have risen more than 1,000 per cent in the past six months - and the joyride could be about to end

The slightest hint from Mr Tung, at a press conference on Wednesday, that he might ease the situation caused a fall on the stock market yesterday.

John Strickland, the chairman of the Hong Kong Shanghai Bank, has warned Mr Tung that he will bring the market down if he moves on land supply. "If you bring the stock market down, everybody feels poorer and stops spend ing, and before you know where you are you have got a recession on your hands," he said. That is the last thing that Mr Tung wants.



# Where Patten joins the gîte set

A MAN seeking tranquillity, having presided over one of the more profound political changes of the 20th century. could not find a more apt place to reflect on the recent past and his future than St Martin-

Laguépie. Chris Patten, the last Governor of Britain's last substan-tial colony, will arrive soon in this hamlet deep in the French countryside north of Albi.

In the converted farmhouse overlooking the Viaur Valley that he purchased two years ago, he plans to spend five months writing a book on the Far East, marshalling his thoughts and, perhaps, plan-

ning his next move.
St Martin-Laguepie, seemingly unchanged for centuries and surrounded by lush farmland and rural silence, could hardly be further removed from the frantic, cosmopolitan hubbub of Hong Kong. From the vast colonial splendours of the Governor's mansion, Mr Patten will move to this sixbedroomed, rose-covered hideaway, a building far smaller, older and prettier

He left Hong Kong amid a last emotional outpouring of colonial pomp. A different. but hardly less enthusiastic, reception awaits him here: caretaker Thérèse Marre, her mother-in-law, Georgette, and their dog.

The lump in Mr Patten's

throat as he, and Britain, quit Hong Kong, was only too evident: the simplicity of St

Ben Macintyre in St Martin-Laguépie finds a tranquil welcome awaits the man who has left Hong Kong's hurly-burly. Photographs by Simon Walker

Martin-Laguépie may well in-duce another. "On the television they said he did very remarked Thérèse Marre, standing proudly before the property's newly installed oak gates. This is a good place to reflect," she added, although her mind was on more practical matters. "When do the dogs arrive?"

The former Governor's re-linquished official Rolls-Royce would be hard put to navigate the steep and twisting road leading up to his retreat, but the place is not short of creature comforts: a new tennis court and a swimming pool surrounded by fruit trees. will help to ensure that Mr does not suffer.

No pyrotechnics will greet him, but not a soul is unaware of his impending arrival. Locals in the village cafe down the hill were quietly proprietorial on the subject of their new neighbour. "Monsieur Le Gouverneur will be here shortly. He is still on the boat," one announced as if, at any moment, the Royal Yacht Britannia might come steaming up the Aveyron river into

town. Like so much of southern France, St Martin-Laguépie has a substantial, and growing, British popula-tion. "We have many English here," said Mme Marre, observing the Pattens' home had been owned for 20 years previously by a British couple. Meanwhile, speculation over his future will continue to swirl in the distant corridors of Westminster: a seat in the Lords? By-election candidate

United Nations-style job? The British retreat from Hong Kong was ripe, perhaps over-ripe with symbolism. Should he seek symbolic inspifurther than the next hill.

in a safe Tory constituency? A

There, dominating the skyline, stands a vast medieval château, seat of the ancient dukes of Laguépie, a hollow ruin since the French Revolution. Power and prestige, he may ponder, are but fleeting here, too. On the other hand, like the "scaffolding" of British democracy to which Mr Patten referred in his final farewell to Hong Kong, the grand structure is still there.



The six-bedroomed farmhouse has a new tennis court and a swimming pool



### USAF career in peril because of love

FROM IAN BRODTE IN WASHINGTON

A MARRIED couple face the ordeal of a court martial for falling in love in yet another fiasco for the US

Still reeling from the Kelly Flinn case, the air force has decided that a trial carrying a potential prison sentence of 14 years s warranted against Sec-

His crimes were "frat-ernising" with Rhonda Kutzer, now a civilian. when she was an enlisted airwoman and then denying the relationship to senior officers, justifiably fearing it could wreck his career

The couple, who are expecting their first child in two months, believed fate had brought them together on discovering that they were born on the same day 27 years ago. Lieutenant Kite was a security supervisor at a nuclear bomber base in Missouri where she was on police duties, though not in his direct chain of command. She has since left the air force.

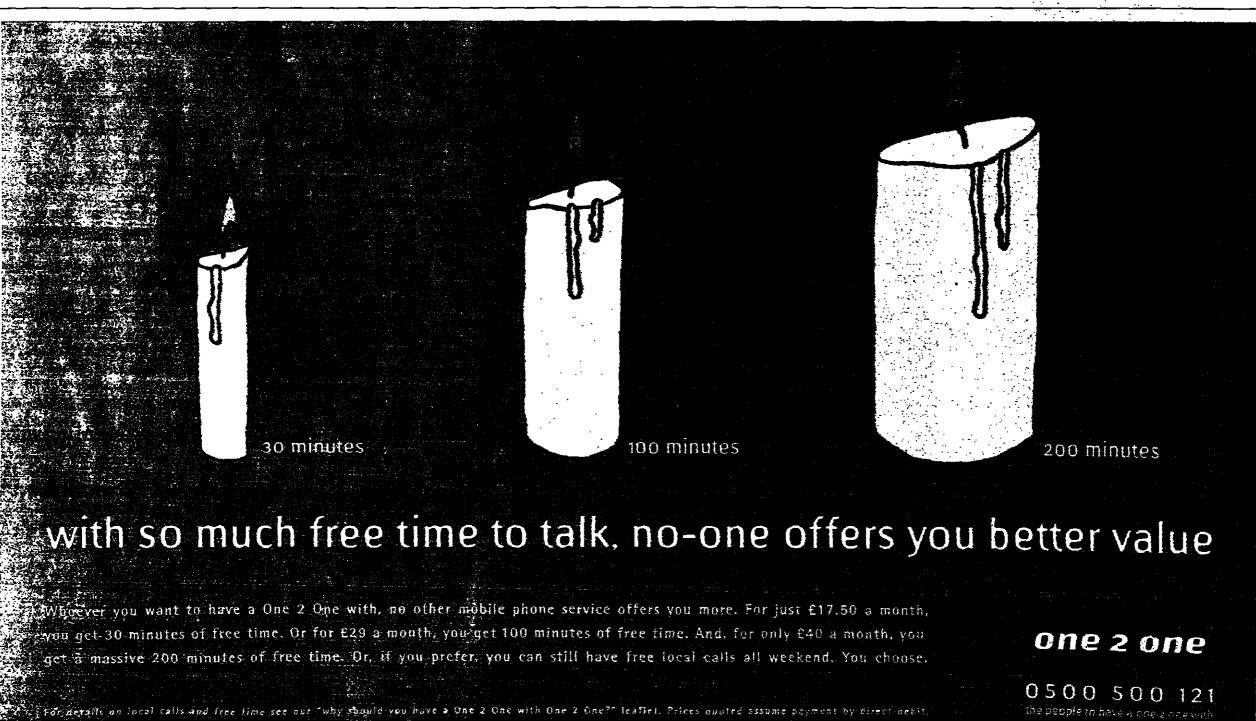
Yesterday The New York Times reported that Sheila Widnall, the Secretary of the US Air Force, was leaning towards giving Lieutenant Kite a general but not honourable, discharge - which would deny him veterans'

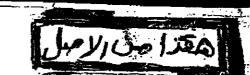
meted out to Lieutenan Flinn, the first woman B52 pilot, who had faced a court martial for adultery

and lying about it. Lieutenant Kite was re-portedly unwilling to accept the treatment and is citing many examples of officers who were spared any serious penalty for

His lawyer, seeking dismissal of the charges, has written to Mrs Widnall about 461 couples in the air force where an officer married an enlisted person. They must have fraternised unless they all married total strangers, the lawyer argues.

Brigadier-General Terryl Schwalier, who was in charge of security at the Saudi Arabian base where 19 Americans were killed by a massive lorry bomb, will not face a court martial, it was announced by the air force yesterday.





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# Royalist march sparks battle on Tirana streets

FROM TOM WALKER INTERANA

WITH a grenade and a pistol attached to his belt, Leka Zog, in a camouflage green military uniform and blue beret, led his highlanders down the Boulevard of Martyrs. "Down with Communists." they

chanted. "We want a king."
The pretender to the Albanian throne marched his people on, past the marble pyramid of Enver Hoxha, the late Communist despot, past the ice cream vans and international hotels, and on towards the presidential palace.

Ahead his army, some of them in riot helmets, others with a more Mad Max air. waved their Kalshnikovs to clear motorists and lingering pedestrians. But then the procession veered left - its target not President Berisha, but the Central Election Commission. You stole our votes." screamed the monarchists.

Within minutes, a postelection demonstration in the balmy sunshine had been transformed into a battle zone; heavy machineguns opened up, grenades detonated, windows smashed. A crowd swol-len to around a thousand fled in terror, crashing through bushes and leaping walls. One

five were injured. A trail of chists and precipitated the blood lay down the path back shooting. Leka Zog likes to to the boulevard.

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surged towards the election commission doors, but were pushed back by Leka Zog's own bodyguard. A single shot rang out, and the guilty gunman was pulled out. But then the battle proper began.

The most likely culprits were the blue-uniformed special police unit snipers, perched menacingly around the perimeter wall of the national stadium that faces the election commission. Theirs was the only heavy machinegum in the area, as were the rocket propelled gre-nades they detonated on the The recriminations were

fast and furious. Abedin Mulosmanaj, Leka Zog's spokesman and "minister to the royal court of Albania", blamed Fatos Nano and his Socialists, whom he claimed control the special police units. "Fatos Nano is nothing to do with Albanian blood," he stormed. "His name is not

worth a penny." Another theory is that gun-men loyal to President Berisha had infiltrated the monarstability, above the bickering of mere politicians. But the Sandhurst-trained giant showed vesterday that his outdated obsession with guns just adds another lethal element to the Albanian political cocktail. "He wanted to go as a

soldier for his people," ex-plained Mr Mulosmanaj.

Last Sunday's referendum on restoring the Albanian monarchy has been grossly manipulated by the Socialists, according to the Zog camp, which left them no alternative but to march on the Central Election Commission. Leka Zog's campaign slogan of "Peace, brotherhood and unity", however, bore little relation to the hot-blooded rabblerousing of his rally in Skenderbeg Square that pre-

ceded yesterday's carnage. Those who are Albanians. Door Albanians, pick your arms, take your arms and fight for Albania. Death or victory," the crowd sang, giving the cumbersome Zogist salute of a short chop to the abdomen with one arm and thumb and forefinger aloft with the other. The Organis-



Leka Zog, surrounded by bodyguards, on the march in Tirana yesterday. His protest parade erupted in shooting and one man was killed

ation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) must hang its head in shame. It seems extraordinary that the monitors of last Sunday's parallel general election and referendum can have already left town, with the glib assertion that the process had been

"adequate and acceptable". Days later, there is still no election result and the monarchists are justifiably angry at the OSCE's complete lack of The Interior Minister has fled, presumably for his own safety, and the victorious Socialists, defeated Democrats and snubbed monarchists have dissolved into warring factions. President Berisha's Democrats have a semi-loyal presidential guard, Mr Nano has the special police units and Leka Zog has his own

private army, trained with the

proceeds of his arms dealing years in Spain and South Africa. It does not help that lovalists to Leka's father, King Zog, fought partisans led by Mr Nano's father during the war. "The Communists are blocking roads but they have

into Tirana. Victory is ours." Mr Mulosmanaj had crowd. It could have been the 1940s; the decades merge as one in Europe's most isolated

### Nato accused of hunt for Karadzic

By Michael Binyon, diplomatic editor

AS PART of the intensifying troops come across them on power struggle in the Bosniaa Serb leadership, Bosnian Serb television yesterday said British and American Nato forces had been given new instructions to seek and arrest on sight Radovan Karadzic and Ratko Mladic, the former leaders accused of war crimes.

Although the Ministry-of Defence in London denied the report, the broadcast indicated Bosnian Serb hardliners. British officials said that instructions to the Nato forces in Bosnia had not changed: any indicted war criminal is to be peacekeeping " patrol. No special effort is to be made to seek them out.

The TV report suggested a more pro-active stance had been agreed by Biljana Playsic, the Bosnian Serb president, and Madeleine Albright, the US Secretary of State, at their meeting last month. British officials said the report might be an attempt to discredit Mrs Playsic in her power struggle with Dr Karadzio and General Miadic. Yesterday she ordered immediate dissolution of the Bosnian Serb parliament to prevent hardliners using their majority to vote for her dismissal.



Wanted: Radovan Karadzic, left, and Ratko Mladic, the Bosnian Serb leaders indicted for war crimes

# German police 'in racist beatings'

FROM ROGER BOYES

GERMAN police were accused of brutally manhandling and bullying foreigners in a report by Amnesty International released yesterday. But German authorities denied there was any kind of regular pattern of abuse by the police.

The London-based human rights organisation has catalogued at least 40 cases of foreigners being beaten up or manhandled. The evidence, says. Amnesty. suggests a "clear pattern of abuse". Investigations into complaints were often one-sided or slipshod. "Many of the officers allegedly responsible have therefore escaped prosecution . . . and none of the foreign or ethnic minority complainants has been compensated for the

Amnesty cites the example of Mustafa

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the cost.

K. a Turk with German citizenship living in Berlin. Last summer police demanded entry to his flat at midnight, saying his son had defaced a street advertisement with a felt-tip pen. They started to search the flat — without a warrant — and when Mr K protested he was thrown to the floor and beaten with a torch and fists, says Amnesty. He was then taken to the police station and beaten again in the van. When he was eventually freed, he went to hospital, where doctors con-firmed heavy bruising to face, ribs and

When Mr K lodged a formal complaint, the Berlin police opened their own case against him, claiming he had attacked four police officers with his door key. It was therefore necessary, they said, strike him and immobilise him.

Amnesty says that Mr K never received fair hearing - witnesses were not

heard - and his case was dropped. "As in previous years, the vast majority of the victims are foreign nationals including asylum-seekers or members of ethnic minorities. In many instances the alleged ill treatment appears to have been racially motivated," said Amnesty.

The accusations prompted some lobbyists within the German police to call for urgent reforms. "The police are not xenophobic," said Manfred Kanther. the Interior Minister, in a statement backed by other regional ministers and police spokesmen. But the "Association of Critical Police Officers" called for an independent control commission and anti-racism training.

A survey published in Stern magazine yesterday showed that 80 per cent of Germans believe the state to be excessively tolerant, and 54 per cent said German courts were too soft.

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# Aitken — and the price of friendship

Spectator again today, refuelling the debate on public men and their private friendships. It constantly bedevils the waspish coterie who write for that august and ancient journal. All journalists end up mixing socially with the public figures they write about. We know far more about their private lives, misdemeanours and secret sorrows than they will ever see exposed in print. So all journalists make compromises - what we do print is quite bad enough - but in The Speciator they tie themselves in knots about it, and write little billets-doux to one

Last week, under the banner Lies, Truth and Aitken, the magazine carried two opposing reactions: Paul Johnson in passionate defence of Aitken. Sir Pere-

grine Worsthorne pontificating for the prosecution. Both call Jonathan Aitken their old friend. Johnson saw The Guardian's pursuit of Aitken as motivated by malice and envy: "Most journalists lead frustrated lives ... Jonathan Aitken was the cynosure of this media envy." In full cry, he identified journalists as ugly, stunted — or if tall, uncouth" people who squan-der their money on drink and return only late and reluctantly to their "bedraggled wives and unwelcoming homes". The spectacle of Jonathan. handsome, cultured, rich and irresistible to women, drove them to dip their pens in poison to write gleeful, rancorous stories of his downfall.

Sir Peregrine, five pages later, rounded on Aitken for his lifelong philandering - repeating tales about his affair with Antonia Fraser - which made deceit a way of life. And because the lies necessary for serial adultery are generally overlooked, and even admired, said Worsthorne, "in some ways a lifetime of adulterous deceit ... must make lying to a judge, by comparison, seem rather small

This week both return to the fray. Johnson reiterates his devotion to Aitken and extends his animus to all editors who "corrupted by power, have forgotten why newspapers exist and who use them to destroy people". Who, he asks, paid for The Guardian's Editor to fly to Hong Kong last week, "gorging and sluicing and toasting the surrender of six million free people to the Peking tyranny? A monumental piece of Johnsonian invective, ending in a Churchillian call to arms.

Over on Perry's page, we find him troubled to be so much at issue with his thick for 40 years". At first he thought Paul must be joking in what he said about

Valerie Grove on how loyalty has divided two old friends

their mutual old friend Jonathan. Now he is worried that Paul might drop him on the ground of his betrayal. "In other words Paul, unlike PW, may have done the loyal and honourable thing." But was it to the credit or discredit of Anthony Blunt's friends that some of them stood by him? He hopes that his disagreement with Paul will be not be long-lasting.

Meanwhile on another page. Simon Blow languidly excuses all dishonesty on Aitken's part because chicanery is second nature to the privileged classes. "Public

Friends for 40 years: Paul Johnson and Peregrine Worsthorne

school and upper-class landed back-grounds are such a breeding ground for envy and financial dissatisfaction that I am amazed that so many manage to repress their criminal side," he breezes, citing Lord Brocket, Darius Guppy, Sir Jock Delves-Broughton and other "largerthan-life" characters with expensive

t is another example of *The Spectator's* indulgence of the iconoclastic. I don't think Worsthome should worry. Any week. Paul or Perry can be relied upon to defend a miscreant or attack a popular cause. There is never any telling which way either will turn. Their sentiments, couched in self-righteous terms, often intolerant and intemperate, are as readable as they are unpredictable. All such commentators - A.N. Wilson, Auberon Waugh, Brian Sewell et al play this game: consistency is anathema. The reader loses track of which columnist which finds Diana persona non grata or vice versa.

THE DIRECT LINE SAVINGS CHALLENGE

proposing the abolition of the monarchy. the House of Lords and Oxbridge, views utterly at odds with those he holds today. As a scrupulously fair Charles Nevin got Johnson to explain in *The Guardian* recently, Johnson only writes whatever he sincerely thinks at the time, as he has for 45 years, and even if he later admits that what he said was utterly silly, he stands by his right to say it. Similarly Perry, who recently wrote that he never knew quite what he thought about anything until he had written about it that is the journalist's art in a nutshell.

So Worsthorne's "No more than an egg can be bad in parts can a man be a liar scrupulously honest and trustworthy in his public life", which sounds like the

axiom of a man of papal infallibility in his own private life, are actually the words of the moment written for public consumption about someone whose hand he might very well shake again one day. As Perry said when I rang him yesterday, there are degrees of deceit, and degrees of friendship, Paul and Perry's friend-ship is a real one: Aitken, whose hospitality both have enjoyed, is not in the same category, and "journalists are in a tricky area, writing about colleagues and acquaintances. The crux of the matter is that Paul thinks Jonathan was unjustly accused. The idea that Jonathan is a cavalier hero is a misunderstanding. Perjury is

Claus von Bülow puts his oar in, with a lener to The Spectator wondering what Sir Perry's "honourable and invariably truthful father-in-law, Lord Lambton, would make of Perry's thesis that adultery must lead to mendacity in public life? Fair point, says Worsthorne. He adds: "There are exceptions to every rule, as Claus von Bulow ought to know."

Like the libel action by Andrew Neil against Worsthorne a few years ago, these affairs involving moralising and metaphorical duelling are painful for the protagonists but vastly enjoyable for us. Aitken, wherever he is, will be watching

it all, with that familiar dimpled halfsmile playing about his lips. Ever since I turned up at his Cambridge hotel 30 years ago to interview him for Varsity and found him asleep in bed - he suavely ordered breakfast for two, telling room service "I have a guest" — I have regarded Jonathan Aitken as the epitome of cool. His great-uncle Beaverbrook told him: You must make mischief." He took the advice to heart.

# Starting on Monday My years of NOMINA

For the great American nuvelist's first wife, life with Norman Maiter began with a night of love, and ended with a knife in the most Next week, in extracts from her new book: The Last Party, published exclusively. in The Times. Adele Waller with her extraordinary story





"Everyone sees him as a writer of genius, a giant, and he is one. But for me he's a monster. A perverse, dangerous monster"

# 'He had a dazzling mind the ultimate aphrodisiac'

dele Mailer puts down her fork and points Aher fork and points carefully to the area beneath her left breast.

"That's where Norman stabbed me. That's where he stabbed me with a dirty penknife. He stabbed me in the back, too, all with a dirty three-inch penknife he'd found in the street. He was drunk, crazed, out of control." There is no pause for effect, no dramatic lingering, as she starts to eat again. The tables around us in the restaurant, however, have fallen silent.

Mrs Mailer wants the world to know exactly what happened when her ex-husband Norman Mailer stabbed her. Everyone sees him as a writer of genius, a giant, and he is one. But for me he's a monster. A perverse, dangerous

Her book about her life with him -- The Last Party -- is as much a cry for attention as an act of bitter revenge. "It took me five years to write and I'm now drained." She emphasises the word, before breaking into the alluring smile that once drove Mailer wild with

"Look at those pictures in my book. I was beautiful. I was sexy. Norman couldn't keep his hands off me." She met Mailer in 1950, at a party on Manhattan's Upper East Side. He had just published The Naked and the Dead: she was a painter from a bluecollar Hispanic family who had been going out with another writer, Jack Kerouac. She and Mailer made love almost immediately "several times. I don't think he'd been laid for a long time and he had half a bottle of Scotch in him. I had multiple orgasms that night. I always did with Nor-

man. Our sex was wonderful." This is a 72-year-old woman speaking. And speaking out. Norman nearly killed me. He Norman Mailer's ex-wife tells Tunku Varadarajan of her violent marriage

Why? She looks disconcerted

l loved being Mrs Norman Mailer. He had a dazzling

mind, and that's the ultimate

aphrodisiac for me. But her

tale gets darker. "Also, I had

no money. Two small kids.

And I was damaged ... I was

an alcoholic, and people who

drink that much don't think in

"I stayed with him A

woman would understand,

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like that. I couldn't. My father

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20 years if I hadn't perjured assaulted and cheated on myself." Mrs Mailer, it is true, saved her husband from jail in by the question. Why, I ask, did you live for so long with a man like that? "It was exciting. 1960 (he was given five years' probation for assault). "I did it for our two young children. I didn't do it for him."

What pushed her, after all these years, to tell her harsh story in public? "I had to. Everyone, everyone, saw the stabbing as Norman's tragedy. They still do. But it was my tragedy. Mine. And I want people to see it that way.
"I'll tell you something. The

O. J. Simpson case came up while I was writing my book. And it stirred up a lot of rage in me. I was reliving things. the whole process of a celebrity being given preferential treatment. OJ got all the attention, while Nicole, his dead wife, was ignored. It was the same with me and Norman, I was ignored. My near-death was insignificant. Nothing."

She speaks with passion, and compassion. "We did love each other. You must see that. My book makes that clear. It's not a trashy 'he did this to me and then he did that to me' sort of book. I was just as screwed as he was. I drank. He drank. God, how we drank But I wasn't an animal. He's a bit of an animal. A bit."

ne tugs at my sleeve, and smiles again. "My book hasn't had a cathartic effect at all on me. No. those scars won't go away. It will have an effect on him though, because it's all about accountability. Norman is a terrible bully, and no one has made him account for his actions. I will."

Adele Mailer lived with the "monster" for 11 years, during which she claims she was

ents would have had a fit if I'd made a fuss. You see, they were in the dark about my true condition. Norman was always on his best behaviour when we went to see them."

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rs Mailer is a sad, gentle woman. But she is not without a sense of vengeance and theatre. "I want my book to make Norman suffer. You know, he has never said sorry to me in a meaningful way. He's very sadistic like that, and I'm only human. I want him to say sorry. He has prospered while I've just wasted away. He's been married six times. I never married again.

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the USA, but I had sworn never to go on British tele-

going to Cephatoma, and man there would be plenty of spare time. I fairly rapidly adjusted

about books would probably be too sophisticated to be a nuisance, should they spot me in the Arndale Centre.

Peter said that he would like me to bring my mandolin, and so I put myself onto a crash refresher course, having given it up a year ago in order to have a craze for flute and clariner. It was good to feel the strings under my fingers again, and rediscover what an

also discovered that a year's without her. There were six of worth of not practising had perfected my tremolo, which I us on the expedition, however, and, as it turned out, we rapidly became such good friends that the twinges I felt had been unable to do before. I was very much afraid that ing back would make me were not as sharp as they going Data would feel deeply sad, because I had would have been otherwise. previously gone there with Nostalgia that is sweetened by Caroline, my former girlaffection and gratitude is not

friend. She had loved it as so unbearable. much as I did, and her My first big surprise upon memories are, I hope, just asreturning was the realisation sweet. It would feel strange, at that Cepĥalonia was a modern island. When I was writing the the very least, to be there book, my imagination had it was 60 years ago, with Venetian architecture, stony

> donkeys.
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> I had almost completely forgotten the Cephalonia that I had actually visited, where people have mobile phones and e-mail numbers. I had to look very hard at the titanic olive trees, the occasional ruins, and the goats that perch idiotically upon vertical clifffaces, in order to conjure up once again the past that I had reinvented in the novel.

roads and peasants on

I was helped by meeting various people who remembened the events with which I had dealt. I met a 90-year-old doctor who sang Puccini, remembered everything with absolute clarity, and used to be paid in chickens and aubergines, just as my Dr

lannis had been. He was an obstetrician, and he liked to scandalise his equally ancient wife by making remarks about knowing more women more intimately than anyone else on

> The wine shop gave me free wine, thus spoiling a shot of me paying for it'

the island. I also came across Eleni Cosmetatou, curator of the historical museum, and another remarkable nonagenarian, who had provided me with the original reading list that was to provide the core of my research.

She is a formal and formidable lady, and when she congratulated me on the relative accuracy of my book, I felt as though I had received the benediction of whoever it is who tells God what to do. With gracious hyperbole, one of her assistants told me that 90 per cent of the museum's visitors were doing Captain Corelli

Of course, the trouble with writing an historical novel is that after it is published, you get deluged by information that you really needed before rather than after. Sometimes you hear remarkable stories that you could have used, and sometimes people spot mistakes. Tani pis; the truly heartening thing about my 'I was very return was the discovery that the Cephalonians are marvellously pleased with me. Cephalonia is next to Corfu, it is just as beautiful and interesting, and yet, because the German Royal Family never hhad a house there, and because it has had no equivalent of the Durrells, it has not enjoyed the same fame. Cephalonians are offended

by this injustice, and they feel vindicated by the sudden fame Whereas many parts of Corfu have been wrecked by British vobs and vobbesses getting drunk, shouting racist insults at the locals, fighting, vomiting, crashing mopeds, scoffing chips and quaffing litres of lukewarm brown sauce that is imaginatively considered to be beer, Cephalonia is still quiet and pleasant, and intends to remain so.

The Cephalonians, like all Greeks, believe that their parmuch afraid that going back would make me feel deeply sad'

ticular corner of Greece has the water that tastes the most like water, the purest light, the best wine, the best honey, the most beautiful women, and the wittiest men, and they are prepared to love anyone who loves their island as much as they do.

The wine shop gave me free

wine, thus spoiling a shot of me paying for it. The baggage handler at the airport shook

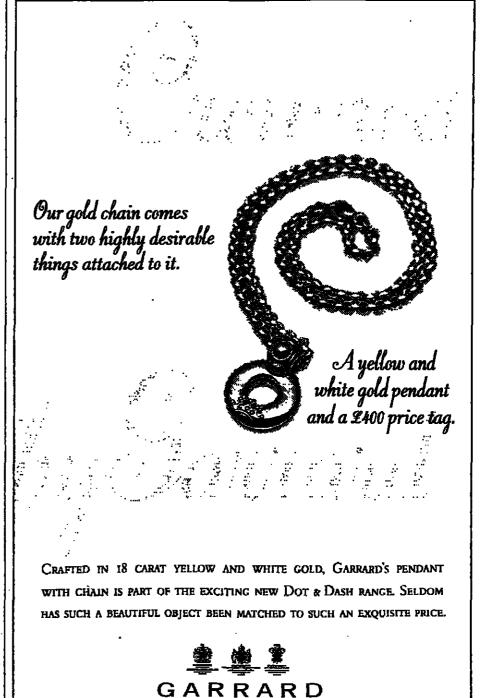
my hand, and Minas, a café owner in Fiscardo, drove away his clients so that we could use his cafe for filming, refusing payment afterwards. Best of all. Spiros Galiatos, the president of the Hoteliers Association, and Nickos Kappatos, one of the most important hotel managers, came to see

Nickos said that he had read the book twice, once in Greek, and once in English, adding that one in five of his guests beach. He and Spiros said that I could stay in their hotels any time I liked, for as long as liked. I don't know who it was who said "Beware of Greeks, and those bearing gifts", but I say: "A pox and a plague on those who make up daft proverbs." England, farewell.

● Captain Corelli's Mandolin will be read on Book at Bedtime on Radio 4, starting



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# Reinventing the Protestant work ethic

Father Brown wants the nation to

be one family, says John Lloyd

ith that feline sense of the psychically appropriate which is its mark, the Daily Mail on Budget day ran a front-page picture of Gordon Brown dining in a Soho restaurant with Sarah Macaulay, who is said to be his girlfriend. The image of a Cabinet minister dining non-furtively with an attractive young woman - truly an innovation in government — underscored the Chancellor's single status and his detachment from the assumed mores

of higher public life. Mr Brown had his own image to stamp on the popular mind (his girlfriend is. after all, a public relations consul-tant) which was curiously complementary to the *Mail*'s one. He emerged from 11 Downing Street holding his new red box, made by four apprentices from the Rosyth dockyard which is in his constituency. The apprentices two men and two women emerged also and ranged themselves behind him.

Thus was created an ersatz family for the bachelor Chancellor: a symbolic family of youngsters, whose relationship to Mr Brown was expressed in the work they had done for him. It is a symbol of

the larger relationship he wishes to see between the citizenry and the nation, one of rights to be fitted for work and responsibilities

This relationship gives sense to a passage in his Budget speech which

was revealingly inserted in a section devoted to childcare. For too long the United Kingdom has been united only in name," he said. From today, ours is a country where everyone has a contribution to

It is a remarkable phrase, especially for a Scot to utter. The kingdoms united in the United Kingdom were those of England and Scotland, as he perfectly well knows — but he has dared to redefine it as a kingdom whose cohesiveness depends not on the ancient union of the crowns and parliaments of two independent states, but on the new Labour belief that only through work of hand or brain can the individual fully enter into the civic state.

Mr Brown believes that the global economy enforces on all nations the imperative rapidly to re-educate their people. The central purpose of this Budget," he declared, "is to ensure that Britain equipped to rise to the challenge of the new and fastchanging global economy." Conventional wisdom — almost a bromide. But he added in the next breath: "Not just a

few of us. But everyone. It is the "everyone" which makes the difference. If "everyone" is to be included, then the economy must be reshaped to admit the uneducated young, the single mothers, even the disabled, so that "the many, by their own efforts. [can] benefit from opportuni-

ties once open only to a few". Among its other functions. the Budget was thus the first step towards the restructuring

of the welfare state, which Mr

Brown has for long seen as one of his prime functions. He conceives of the Treasury as the headquarters of an industrial conglomerate, with sub-sidiaries quaintly titled the Departments of Education, Health, Social Security, Trade and Industry. He shares the view of his fellow countryman Adam Smith that the economy is an interrelated matrix of activities for which, to be sure, the self-interest of the market actors is the main fuel, but whose engine requires service, repair and overhaul by the political powers.

As the 19th and much of the 20th centuries were the age of capital, Mr Brown believes that the late 20th and 2ist centuries are the age of labour, an age in which there is, for every country, only one truly national resource, the talent and the potential of its workforce. An irony, now that Labour has ceased to be a socialist party demanding the maximum for the workers? No: for Mr Brown has rede-fined socialism's pursuit of equality to mean as much equality as possible in the

pursuit of work. This means the end of the Worker as the demander of rights, represented by trade

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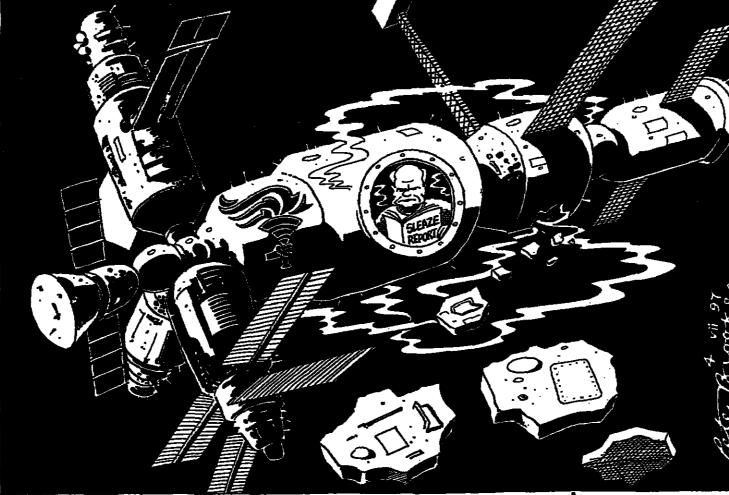
In Opposition, ideas were hugely important for Mr Brown: he consumed them in great gulps, scouring through contemporary philosophers, sociologists, management strategists and economists for a digest of how the world was seen to work. The big idea he distilled from them is that modern civility is acquired and sustained by work: that a real, as opposed to a notional. inclusion in society is impossible without it. Ideas do matter in politics, certainly when a new kind of politics is being forged, as Labour is now attempting to do.

r Brown proposed in his Budget a new L definition of the national "family" - one whose virtues he cast in terms which would once have tripped from Margaret Thatcher's speechwriters laptops: "Our creativity, our adaptability, our belief in hard work and self-improvement, the very qualities that made Britain lead the world in the 18th and 19th centuries ... " As in the best families, benefits are given on the assumption that there is a response manifest in the per-

formance of duties. This is the beguiling vision of Father Brown. Can it be made flesh? If it is not, he will udge himself to have failed in his paternal duties.

John Lloyd is associate editor

It's over



Mayday... Mayday... we've lost power, are cracking up, no longer aligned with The Sun, and the stench in here is quite awful...

# Certainty versus caprice

nyone who looks after small children will have noticed how very early in a child's life comes a desire to know what the rules are. With this comes a startling capacity for distress when an undertaking is reneged upon.
"But Murmmy, you said I could stay up if I was good in the car..." — a child's fury when it believes that an undertaking solemnly given has been broken is palpable.

"But Mummy, you let him stay up if he was good ..." — equally surprising is the child's sophisticated resentment, almost before it has learnt to speak, when rules are not applied consistently. Two civic virtues, that of the little helper and the conservative jurist, seem to emerge well before the more primitive quali-ties we associate with infancy. It is with the conservative jurist in every

breast that this essay is concerned. Memories of early childhood record, as one of its first and most searing miseries, some occasion the understanding that something would be given in return, and the promise was not honoured. It is easy to work out why. The capacity which distinguishes Homo sapiens from other animals (except, at a low level, apes) and equips him to survive, master his world and prosper, is the capacity to plan; to decide his actions with a view to their likely consequences and the likely responses of others. We can plan our engagement with inanimate objects, as when we design a wall, and with other human beings, as when we agree the

boundaries to our property. In planning our engagements with others, nothing is more important than that we should be able to arrive at a common understanding of what consequences will flow from what actions. We must be able to say what we will do, and hear what others will do, and rely and act upon the promises (and threats) we exchange. Otherwise it is not worth starting.

Within families and small units of community, this framework is built mostly unwittingly. fits itself to need, and usually works. Problems arise, however, as the framework grows larger and more sophisticated, encompassing large numbers of people who do not know each other. At this point rules need to be formalised and in some way policed.

It is here that what we may call a "State" begins to materialise. If I promise to mention the words Hong Stability is the virtue of democracies, unpredictability the vice of tyrannies

Kong only once below, will you accept that what follows only touches on a subject from which we are now entitled to a few days' respite? The thought set out here has been prompted - no more - by recent tributes to British colonial

The key to Hong Kong's success has not been democracy. Nor, even, has it been justice. It has been the creation of a zone of certainty in an uncertain continent. That certainty was first underpinned not by Chris Patten's local democracy, but by British democracy. It matters less whose democracy,

ours or theirs, provides the underpinning, than that abode, of free movement, of personal safety, of the opera-

tion of law — is underpinned. It matters less that the law is fair, than that people know what the law is: that it will not change with the weather. The benign effects of simply leaving the furniture of the State where it is, so that citizens learn how to manoeuvre without stubbing their toes, can hardly be overstated.

In human affairs there is one need above all others which good government must supply: a citizen must be enabled so to order his life that when an action is decided upon, he can make intelligent guesses about its likely consequence. Unless we can plan, the limitless energy and ingenuity of human beings is paralysed.

Why plant a field, if you have no assurance of enjoying its harvest? Why start a building if someone else may come and knock it down? Why start a business if a new government may confiscate it? Why save, if your savings may be destroyed by inflation? There is a widespread misconception in the West that people in the Third World work hard. On the whole they do not. What would be the point? We work harder.

Although the modern State has come to do many things beyond providing a rule of law, that remains its central, sacred function. If it means anything, "rule of law" means rules whose operation the ordinary citizen can both understand and predict. In Saudi Arabia you may have a hand chopped off if you steal: but people know that. The wisdom of Solomon, although kinder and per-fectly wise, fell short of the rule of law because it was not transparent in

advance to his subjects. Solomon provided equity, but what anything is certainty. Uncertainty is the greatest injustice of all. The vexation of a businessman fined for being hours late with his VAT payment is real, but he knows the rules. Far more sapping to commerce

is the system which prevails in much of Africa, where half the tax is never colsingled out at whim and overcharged. · Because certainty

is the primary function of law, its value is often, paradoxically, overlooked. The 1960s. Lord Denning's heyday, saw an intellectual fashion in Britain for bending the law (or "creatively interpreting" it) in order to provide an equitable judgment in hard cases,

especially in civil law. One litigant gains a surprising victory and feels justice has been done in his particular case. That is a gain. An unquantifiable number of potential future litigants suffer a very slight diminution in the certainty with which they may reckon their chances of suing or being sued, of being acquitted or convicted. That is a greater loss. It undermines security.

n a free market economy, certainty is especially important. Nowhere is this clearer than in those "developing" countries where the arrangements that citizens wish to make with each other are interfered with by two great ills: official corruption and official

And the greatest of these ills is caprice Corruption if it is formalised and governed by a shared understanding of its purposes, scope and limits, need not be fatal to a flourishing economy. Italy has shown this, as has Switzerland. It is where, as in Africa, corruption and caprice walk hand in hand that the poison paralyses trade, investment

and human industry.

There is no greater enemy to caprice in government than democracy. Deprive any individual or closed elite of the power to steer the ship of state unchallenged and in perpetuity, and you make it harder to alter the ship's course at all.

This is a paradox about government which has hardly been noticed. Contrary to appearances, it is not democracy which is fickle, but dictatorship. In small, silly things - the Dangerous Dogs Act. for example -public opinion is capricious. But on all the great questions — taxation, welfare, warfare — democracy serves as a steadying influence on govern-ment. Very few democracies go to war with other democracies or make sudden, destabilising changes to tax or welfare. Democracies tend to gradualism. Tyrannies tend towards

tenacious, iron-clad - but examine their record and you will find they more often behave like butterflies, Occasionally, one strong leader - an Atatūrk, Tito or Franco - proves capable of holding to a course for a while but these are the exception. The history of Africa, South America and, until recently, Asia, suggests that "strong" dictators provide weak

(if sometimes cruel) government. To sum up: in a free country and a tree market, government must allow people to plan. If government does that, it has achieved the primary purpose of the State, liberating individuals to do the rest. Representative democracy is to be valued neither as an end in itself, which it is not; nor as a route to improving the quality of official decisions, which it may not do: nor as a force for efficiency, which it is far from being; nor as a dependable source of justice to individuals, which it cannot guarantee. Its value is the value of a sheetanchor: a sail placed not into the wind but into the water, restraining the vessel from too sudden, fast or changeable a movement in any

Democracy's value, in short, is to be found not in any genius for initiation or change or even reform, but in its ability to restrain the caprice of the few by the inertia of the many. Democracy, not tyranny, will prove for the next century the main

#### Philip Howard



William is his name, but Hague the Younger's an impostor

illiam Hague is not just William, nor even Just William. His instant reply to the Budget, the hardest job of the year for a politician because he has to fly blind and unbriefed into turbulance was not demned enough. lence, was too damned goody-goody. His accents are menacing Northern when they should be a patina of genteel Surbiton, imposed by his longsuffering mother over an impasto of 1950s schoolboy slang and common Sarfeast accent. His suits are too well-tailored and far too clean, his huge central parting is too manicured, and, as far as one can judge from the Press Gallery, his knees are not dirty enough. Above all, he seemed to be in earnest in his factitious hoo-ha about a Budget

The real Just William would have had a mischievous smirk at the trouble he was hoping to cause. And he would also have been indulging in his fertile fantasy life as a world dictator or tennis ace ... "Good ole Alan!" thought William and swaggered up to the dispatch box. His sense of importance rose at every step. He wasn't a boy going to reply to the Budget for his party. He was a famous circus-owner going to collect a few more lions and tigers for his circus. He stood at the dispatch box cracking his whip. Lions, tigers, hyenas, bears, Heaths and Tarzans circled around him. "Down, there! Down!" he shouted, then, "Good ole boy!" to a lion called Bill who had just walked the tightrope to thunderous applause. "You

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next!" to a veteran lioness who had just stalked into the ring...
No, the literary analogy does not fit exactly. For William Hague is not really Just William but Hubert Lane, leader of the rival gang to William's Outlaws. Hubert actually enjoys being treatly turbed out in his Etne. smartly turned out in his Eton collar and suits. He is always polite to grown-ups and never uses coarse words such as "Corks!" in front of them. He "Gosh, what a ripping tea. Mrs Brown." His gang, the Lancites, are in a permanent deadly feud with the Outlaws. And although the Outlaws always win by the end, the Lancites get plenty of chances to snigger and conspire. And Hubert gets plenty of chances to make pi speeches to the grown-ups, while his small pig-like eyes gleam in triumph.

The piggy eyes are unfair to Mr Hague. And his im-age is still unfamiliar to us, and may change to more of a William as we hear more from him. He will not know what we are talking about, since at the age when he should have been reading Richmal Crompton he was poring over Hansard and learning lists of prime ministers by heart, activities that William would have considered a jolly rotten swiz.

The best candidate for Just William is Kermeth Clarke, with his rumpled appearance and cavalier attitude. But Ken still belongs to the same gang as Mr Hague, just about. From the opposite side of Westminster Avenue, Gordon Brown has the right surname to be Just William, but he too seems one of nature's Lancites. Can you imagine William saying "I will tackle the weaknesses that have held Britain back for too many

years" with a straight face? The best Just Williams on the Labour side are Tony Banks and John Prescott. There are several candidates for Violet Elizabeth Bott, but none to out-theream and theream the matriarch. Robin Cook is Ginger. Tony Blair could be one of those wet curates with a permanent grin, whom William keeps on interrupting while the said curate is trying to woo William's sister Ethel. Or he may be a bit of a Hubert too, one of those angelic children who are always getting the rest into trouble and somehow themselves escaping without chastisement.

Time, the great myth-maker, will tell. There used to be a theory that children liked either Just William or Swallows and Amazons, with parents favouring the latter. In my experience it. is possible to enjoy both, but to prefer Angela Brazil's girl's school stories to either. And when it comes to listening to the Budget speech and then delivering an extemporary reply, the proper authority is neither Just William nor Hubert Lane, but that child for all ages, Bertie: Wooster: "It just shows what any Member of Parliament will tell you, that if you want real oratory, the preliminary noggin is essential. Unless pie-cyed, you cannot hope to grip."

#### however, by William Hague. Lord SADDENED rather than angry. Parkinson's appointment as party chairman had raised false hopes that M&C Saatchi would survive as the Tory agency. In the short

the Tory party and Lord Saatchi's advertising agency have once again parted company. The split had been predicted, as stories poured out both during and after the general election about rows over the Tories' advertising strategy pitting Saatchi against John Major and Brian Mawhinney, the former party chairman. It was made formal this week.

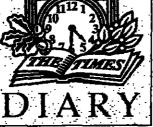


"No wonder we haven't had a decent holiday for years. You're not mentioned in the term, it is no great loss for the company. The Tories will not be needing much advertising for a while. For the 1999 European elections, however, they will hold a pitch in which Saatchi's company will have to compete with others for the account.

The last time Saatchi and the Tories split was after the 1987 election, when Sir Tim Bell's interventions muddled relations. After a period of trial separation, the two were back together again.

The split was inevitable after what happened during the elec-tion." said one inside Hague's "fresh" party machine. "But then the love affair between the Tory party and the name Saatchi means you can never rule out a reunion."

• Despite his controversial paedophile interview, things are looking up for the overcooked morning chat show host Robert Kilroy-Silk. The former Labour MP is negotiating to buy a house



gua belonging to the guitarist Eric Clapton. It is on Shirley Heights in Falmouth and costs about £500,000. Kilroy-Silk excuses this gift for himself on the ground that it is a quick three-hour flight from New York, where his show will appear amid the deviants of local

### Crrrunch

EARLY risers on the morning after the British left Hong Kong saw the People's Army humiliated as it entered the former colony. In the drizzle and fog on the Man Kan To checkpoint, a convoy of Chinese trucks started to roll in from their enclosed encampment. Some 100 had passed through when there

was a long pause in the flow. Then, from the Hong Kong side.

Kong vehicle recovery unit, They disappeared over the crossingpoint before returning with several Chinese trucks in various states of disrepair in tow: the most cackhanded invasion since Mussolini's tanks sank into the sands of Abyssinia. It emerged that there had been a pile-up in the enclosed area as Chinese drivers raced to be first

#### Oar-ful

TUESDAY night in the Hurlingham Club and the Tory Spouses' Dining Club met for the final time. It was founded in 1987 for spouses of Conservative MPs and boasted Cecilia (Lady Nicholas) Scott, Mary (Mrs Kenneth) Baker, Charmian (Mrs Timothy) Eggar and Clive Landa (the husband of Lynda Chalker) among others. After the election, however, most diners no longer fulfilled the

criterion of marriage to an MP. Much missed will be the club's rowing outings on the Thames. "We trained in a water-tank in Putney," says Lady Scott, who rowed herself. "Mary Baker used to cox. She was formidable."

 Wallowing in the outcome of the Downey report, Mohamed Al Faved's spokesman and fixer. Michael Cole. has his own dark



Nightclubber: Jamie Packer

secret: thirty years ago, he used to be called Dexter. "Dexter was only my middle name." pleads Cole, a former chief elf in the Harrods grotto. "Everybody addressed me by it, but my bosses at Anglia TV persuaded me that Michael sounded better, so I changed to that and stuck with it."

#### Spliced

EARLIER this week Jamie Packer braced himself and telephoned his father, the Australian billionaire Kerry Packer. He told the old man that he had become engaged to



Nude film role: Kate Fischer

Kate Fischer, 23, best known for her naked role in the Australian film Sirens. Sydney's nightclubs, where the young Packer was a regular guest, are in mourning.

Previous contenders for Packer's hand include the weathergirl Tania Bryer and the shopping journalist Nicola Formby. "The family have no comment to make," says one of Packer Senior's staff at the Savoy Hotel, where he is occupying four suites for the London season. "We have not yet planned the party."

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### THE DOWNEY VERDICT

A damning judgment on the arrogance of power

How quickly current affairs can become history. Had the Downey report on the "cash for questions" scandal been published, as it should have been, before the general election, the Conservatives might have suffered an electoral catastrophe rather than a mere disaster. Now, two months later, the MPs condemned by Sir Gordon Downey are out of the Commons anyway. The fate of the governing party has already been decided. All that remains is the reputation of five former Members of Parliament.

But, as a verdict on the integrity of two members of the last Government, Sir Gordon's report is devastating. Statements by Neil Hamilton, former Trade Minister, were "in varying degrees untruthful". Mr Hamilton "deliberately misled the President of the Board of Trade", "enriched himself at the indirect expense of a constituent", and persistently and deliberately failed to declare his interests in dealings with ministers and officials . . and in some cases was positively misleading". Worst of all, Sir Gordon finds the evidence "compelling" that Mr Hamilton accepted cash from Mohamed Al Fayed in return for lobbying services: "The way in which these payments were received and concealed," he finds, "fell well below the standards expected of Members of Parliament."

Tim Smith, the former Northern Ireland Minister, is found to have accepted between £18,000 and £25,000 from Mr. Al Fayed. made "a disingenuous attempt at concealment" and also failed to declare his interests to ministers and officials. Sir Andrew Bowden, Sir Michael-Grylls and Michael Brown are found guilty of receiving payments and failing to declare them as well.

At least Mr Smith eventually admitted to having taken money. He resigned his Beaconsfield seat shortly before the election. Mr Hamilton, however, decided to brazen it out. He fought Martin Bell in Tatton on the party never lends its name to them again.

ground that he was innocent of all the allegations against him. He wrote to this newspaper in such terms too. Although the voters delivered their verdict on May I, he continued to protest that he would be exonerated. Even now, after the most damning possible findings from an independent and fair-minded investigator, Mr Hamilton claims to have suffered a miscarriage of justice",

Most will find his remarks laughable. After all, as Sir Gordon writes: "It is difficult to escape the conclusion that, as the inquiry has progressed and more and more has been discovered, Mr Hamilton's credibility has suffered increasingly serious damage." Like Jonathan Aitken, Mr Hamilton seems to belong to the breed of Conservative politician who assumes that, if lies are delivered loudly, indignantly and persuasively enough, they will be believed. It was this public sense that ministers felt they could get away with anything that contributed to the scale of the Tory defeat at the last election. Mr Hamilton seems to have learnt nothing. Had he, like Mr Smith, stood down before

the election, criticism of him now would be far more muted, "Never apologise, never explain" is a bad maxim for politics. It discredited the last administration and it taints Mr Hamilton today. His reputation has been destroyed anyway; he could redeem himself a little if he were to show some humility in the face of the overwhelming judgment against him.

This report is also a test for the new Tory Opposition. John Major's name has already been damaged by the charge that he deliberately prorogued Parliament early in order that the report could be kept secret until after the election. William Hague can show that he genumely intends to make a "fresh start" by disowning all the guilty men in the Downey report and ensuring that his

#### **MAKING WORK PAY**

An American lesson that Labour should be happy to learn

ments concerning tax and spending issues on Wednesday, Gordon Brown noted that he had asked Martin Taylor of Barclays Bank to extend his study of tax-benefit integration to include the "earned income tax credit" pioneered in the United States. Despite the attention given to the windfall tax and Labour's proposals for the young unemployed outlined by David Blunkett today, this section of the Chancellor's speech may ultimately prove more significant.

The earned income tax cr into American law by President Gerald Ford in 1975. It was doubled in scope by Ronald Reagan who once described the programme as "the best anti-poverty measure ever to come out of Congress". It has been expanded since by both George Bush and Bill Clinton. It involves a tax credit for the working poor. increasing with family size, that is gradually phased out as income increases. If the credit exceeds the amount of income tax charged then the remainder is returned to the individual concerned. The measure overtly rewards work, is simpler than schemes that operate through benefits, and is popular with beneficiaries and taxpayers alike.

Its attraction to the Government is obvious. Work has become the watchword of the new Labour approach to welfare: This is not merely for the savings it would produce in the social security budget (which this year will exceed the total receipts of income tax and corporation tax combined) but also for the self-reliance and self-esteem it encourages among those who have moved from entitlements to employment. In this respect, Tony Blair is following the path set

by both parties in the United States. As Labour will discover, however, it is not short-term effect on public opinion.

In the midst of many technical announce- a move without complications and costs. To be effective the credit must consider household as well as individual income. That compromises the widely supported shift towards the separate taxation of men and women that was introduced by Nigel Lawson. The proposal would involve some additional administrative burden on business. It also touches on the thorny question of whether women should be the predominant recipients of social payments intended for family use.

Lords to stop a similar proposal by Margaret Thatcher's Government a decade ago. That defeat led to the adoption of family credit as an alternative. This has comparable objectives but operates as a benefit: it has an indifferent take up rate - at most 70 per cent - not least because of the reluctance of many families to apply for what they regard as charity. Mr Brown does not believe that this is as direct an incentive to move towards work as a reward within the tax system. His instincts are sound.

The objections raised are not inconsequential. But they would apply to any serious attempt at overhauling present arrangements. Some of them, such as the impact on business, can be compensated for by offsetting inducements. Other complications are real but part of the price for moving people out of Welfare to Work. The principle that employment should be maximised and employed people excluded as far as possible from the benefits bureaucracy - is both right and fundamental to reform. Adherence to this maxim will determine whether Labour's first Budget has a longterm impact on public policy as well as a

#### LAVA LOUTS

Risks of violence from a badly behaved volcano

Frightening scenes viewed from a sufficient rare events in relation to human lifespan, far distance inspire a terrible delight, as Edmund Burke observed. While few may choose to wander the flanks of a volcano while it is erupting, seen from afar the spectacle has an undeniable grandeur. It. clear that nature's power is of an altogether different order. Such sights, to Burke, summed up the sublime, though his critics took much pleasure in seeking a precise measure to distinguish sublimity from sheer terror. How far away did one have to be, they inquired, before the quaking legs gave way to aesthetic euphoria?

Had he known, he might have answered that it depended greatly on the type of volcano. Those in Hawaii are as goodtempered as volcanoes know how to be, the steady flow of lava down the mountainside posing few risks and plenty of harmless excitement. Strombolian volcanoes, which hurl out rocks of a consistent size and at a consistent speed, are also relatively benign. though they can sometimes change their tempo and caich out the unwary. The truly dangerous eruptions, such as those in the past week in Montserrat, are composed of a thot cloud of dust and gas which sweeps thown the mountain so fast that escape is impossible. In such pyroclastic flows the element of fear far outweighs any possible pleasure, and the damage done to life and property is enormous.

Such destructive eruptions are relatively

too infrequent to determine settlement patterns. Around the world many great cities lie almost in the shadow of volcanoes that have been dormant so long that their danger is discounted. Often, the fertile soil seems to mock man's prefensions and make produced by the volcano actually attracts people to live around it, while expanding populations ensure that the numbers theoretically at risk are higher now than they have ever been in human history. The eruption of Vesuvius in AD79 claimed about 2,000 victims; if it happened again today without warning, it would probably kill 200,000. The island of Java, where a high proportion of the 175,000 deaths that have been caused by volcanic eruptions in the past 200 years have occurred, is four times as densely populated today as it was in 1955.

Many efforts have been made to improve volcano prediction, with some success, but it remains an inexact science. Even when successful predictions are made, as at Mount St Helens in 1980, it is difficult to persuade everybody to believe them and leave the area. Even more is this true of the developing world, where mobility is lower and the credibility of government agencies less. In the past few decades we have been lucky, with only one eruption, at Nevado del Ruiz in Colombia, claiming lives on a massive scale. But it would be unwise to assume that this state of affairs can continue indefinitely. The risks are much greater than is generally acknowledged.

June 24, col 686).

I am curious to know whether the

Yours faithfully, ANDREW WARREN, Director, Association for the Conservation of Energy, Westgate House, Prebend Street, NI. July 3.

From Mr Gordon Philo

Sir. The Chancellor has hit both pension funds and those pensioners who have been indirectly subsidising the NHS by taking out private health insurance - some of whom will now

become a further NHS burden. Under new Labour we were led to expect a new age. Should it not have

Yours sincerely. GORDON PHILO. 10 Abercorn Close, NW8.

From the Director General of

Sir. We welcome the Government's even though there can be no guarantees of employment in the long-

young people themselves and contin-

Nowhere is this need for discussion more clearly demonstrated than with the Government's intention to withhold welfare benefits from those whom they perceive as not wanting to fit in". This could have serious consequences for a significant minority of marginalised young people who cannot settle into schemes through no fault of their own and for a variety of reasons - for example homelessness, emotional problems, family responsibilities or learning difficulties. This desire for compulsion and sanctions must be questioned.

Yours faithfully, MIKE AAROŃSON. Director General, 17 Grove Lane, SE5.

From Mr P. B. Young

Yours faithfully, P. B. YOUNG, Higher Orchard

#### Music fans galore

From Mrs Pauline Morton

Sir, Simon Jenkins asks "where did they come from, all these people", who fill the London concert halls ("Midsummer melodies", June 28).

Adults now, they come, many of them, from the groups of children who were nurtured in musical skills and appreciation by the berated teachers of the last 20 or 30 years. These teachers devoted lunch hours and after-school time to teach simple and more difficult instruments, and formed orchestras and choirs to give polished and enthusiastic performances.

Precious Saturdays were relinquished to take pupils to children's concerts, such as those sponsored by Sir Robert Mayer. Expertise and time, given outside school hours, encouraged a lifetime of appreciation and musical participation.

Will today's children, in these times of overcrowded curriculums, stressed teachers and lack of resources for musical education, fill the concert halls of the next century?

Yours faithfully. PAULINE MÓRTON. Rowde Court. Rowde, Devizes, Wiltshire.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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#### Brown's Budget of Orange march 'not intimidatory' mixed blessings From the Leader of the Ulster Unionist Party and

From the Director of the Association for the Conservation of Energy

Sir. It was only last week that the Prime Minister returned from the Earth Summit, confirming that Britain was adopting one of the toughest targets to combat climate change. He told the House of Commons that "the single best thing we can do, in relation to that target, is to improve energy efficiency" (Hansard,

Yesterday the Chancellor of the Exchequer announced substantial tax reductions on fossil fuels — the excess burning of which is the main cause of climate change. He has widened the differential of value-added tax raised, so that the tax on energy conservation materials is no longer just twice that levied on energy consumption. Instead it is some three and a half times higher (17.5 per cent and 5 per cent). This further reduces the already limited incentives to improve energy

Prime Minister and his Chancellor

been new ageism?

July 3.

Save the Children

commitment, reinforced in the Budget, to help young people in improving their employment prospects. Many young people will benefit significantly their six-month placements under the Welfare to Work proposals,

However, from this point, Save the Children urges the Government to undertake full consultation, involving uing throughout the pilot schemes. Only then will Welfare to Work schemes stand a chance of meeting the needs of a true cross-section of young people, including the most disadvantaged.

Save the Children Fund (UK),

Sir. Anne Ashworth (Comment, July 3) feels that the proposed Individual Savings Account needs a catchy acronym to compete with Pep and Tessa. Possibly unwittingly the Chancellor has surely created the Isaac.

Burgmann's Hill, Lympstone, Devon.

#### Teaching methods From Mr Alan Millard

suggests, "smile wryly with the official acknowledgment that some of the methods imposed on them in the 1960s and 1970s were either wrong in themselves or impossible to operate (report, June 27). Some, like me, will be weeping over his readiness to abandon those ideals which many believed were right and could have been operated had they been properly un-

The swing of the pendulum will always produce a few wry smiles. Mine must wait until someone blows the dust from the Plowden report and rediscovers those more promising directions which were never determinedly tried nor consistently pursued.

Yours faithfully, ALAN MILLARD, 8 Medina Court, Marine Parade West, Lee-on-the-Solent, Hampshire.

comparing Orange walks to National Front marches shows that he has learnt very little about Northern Ireland in the three years since his arrival there. Then he distinguished himself by proposing that community policing should be done by the local paramilitary organisations. Today's contribution is effectively the same. marchers.

It must be remembered that there are 3,000 or so parades a year, mainly Orange but with many nationalist and other parades. Fewer than a dozen cause any difficulty. Portadown Orangemen processing

to and from Drumcree Parish Church do not go through the streets of a Catholic community. They return to Portadown along the B28, the most direct highway from the church to the town centre. The route was not chosen, as Brogden suggests, in order to intimidate Catholics, as this church service was established in 1807 at which time the road passed through countryside which was entirely Prot-

There are two modern publicauthority housing estates adjacent to the road, which are now almost entirely Catholic. But when built they were mixed, and only became Catholic when Protestants moved out as a result of republican violence - which included the murder of several local Protestants.

MP for Upper Bann

Sir, Mike Brogden's letter (July 3)

Despite this, Portadown Orangemen have been conciliatory. The number of parades in the area has

been reduced in the last ten years from ten to one a year. No bands which could be perceived as antagonistic to Catholics take part, only mainly girls' accordion bands playing hymn music largely common to both traditions. No large Orange banners are carried - only one Union Flag is displayed, with one other flag and a "bannerette". Orange Order marshals ensure that discipline is

Portadown Orange parades are always headed by Portadown ex-servicemen's lodge. By contrast, the Catholic nationalist opposition is led by a person whose chief claim to fame is his convictions for republican terrorism connected with the bombing of the Royal British Legion Hall in

Throughout the current controversy

assemble and move freely along the Queen's highway be preserved. Gov-ernment should not ban peaceful citizens from exercising these rights in a non-provocative manner at the behest of those who threaten violence.

Sincerely. DAVID TRIMBLE, House of Commons.

#### Fate and future of Royal Air Force

From Mr Keith D. R. Mans

Sir, It would be hard to imagine a better illustration of what happens if you leave the exercise of air power to soldiers and sailors than the disastrous loss of HMS Glorious in June 1940, as featured on Channel 4 last night. Essentially, 1,500 men lost their lives because the captain of the ship failed to use his aircraft to protect his ship or to take the fight to the enemy.

Royal Air Force remain a separate service do so because we believe air power is such an important compo-nent in modern military strategy that cannot be left to former tank commanders like Lord Carver (letter, June 26) or First World War submariners like Captain Guy D'Oyley-Hughes of HMS Glorious to exercise properly.

of the deva effectiveness of air power, as recently witnessed in the Gulf War and in Bosnia, that its control needs to be coordinated at the highest level. Otherwise, it is ground and naval forces that suffer most. Today's generals and admirals need to ponder carefully the consequences of downgrading and dividing up air power by abolishing the Royal Air Force: in my view, this would inevitably lead to much higher casualties on the ground and to ships

Yours faithfully. KEITH MANS (Member, House of Commons Defence Select Committee, 1995-97), 3 Dell Way, Ealing, W13. July I.

Sir, It was inevitable that Lord Carver's letter would provoke retaliatory strikes from the squadrons of the retired air force. But despite their protests, it is to be hoped that the Government will do as he suggests.

Sir, Not all teachers over 50 will, as Nigel de Gruchy, leader of NASUWT, derstood and adequately resourced.

It was only after a sustained and arguably ill-informed campaign that the Black Paper movement succeeded in turning the clock back, beating the few remaining reformers into reluctant submission. All that now remains to be seen is what will happen when the unsolved problems of the "old ways" re-emerge. The reforms of the Sixties arose from a desire to replace what we now embrace: rote-learning. testing, selection and streaming.

maintained and that there is no confrontation on the part of the

Portadown. the Orange Order has sought to discover from local Catholics if there are

any circumstances in which they will tolerate the sight of Protestant Orangemen walking back from church: but there has been no response. It is important that the rule of law be maintained and that the right to

#### dedicated air force in order to deploy these weapons. With the advent of

once won, retained. Even the Ameri-

cans are dismayed at the price of

maintaining the USAF. It is surely

time that the question be asked:

(Artificer, Fleet Air Arm, 1958-68),

Sir. In the context of a weighty and

intellectual onslaught from Lord

Carver and others on the continued

life of the RAF, one doubts that the

present Air Staff are best served by

gallant warriors of yesteryear deploy-

ing the "remember the Battle of

The Town House, 2 Chichester Place.

Sir, It would be most unwise to

assume that ground-to-air missiles

could replace manned aircraft (letters.

June 30). Such systems could not

provide constant air superiority over a

Furthermore, however sophistical

red these systems, the Gulf War

demonstrated how efficiently manned

theatre of war, either land or sea.

aircraft can knock them out.

Harpenden, Hertfordshire.

Yours faithfully, DERRICK ORCHARD.

35 Cornwall Road.

What is the RAF for?"

Yours sincerely,

JOHN NEIMER

Melcombe House.

4 Cranford Avenue,

Weymouth, Dorset.

Britain" line.

Yours faithfully,

Orchard (retd)

D. A. CHRISTIAN

(Flight Lieutenant, RAF, retd),

Kemp Town, Brighton, Sussex.

From Group Captain Derrick

From Mr Denis Christian

submarine-launched cruise missiles the US Navy can accurately strike targets from the sea which the USAF cannot reach from its fixed bases. The argument, surely, is not that armies and navies do not need air supremacy to survive. It is about how that air supremacy is gained and,

Those of us who want to see the

going to the bottom of the ocean.

From Mr John Neimer

Certainly the question of what is the RAF for?" has been hovering in the background ever since the first Polaris submarine was commissioned. The development of long-range stand-off weapons has given the question more force, and it is not necessary to have a

#### Albanian refugees

From the Ambassador of Italy

Sir, Il Messagero's statistics, which you quote today under the heading Albanian refugees slip net in Italy are incorrect.

The facts are as follows. Since the beginning of the crisis 16,798 Albanian citizens have entered Italy. Of these 4,398 have already been repairiated, 3.853 remain in refugee centres. 5,023 have been given temporary hospitality with Albanians regularly resident in Italy, and 1.072 arrived in Italy already in possession of regular permits of residence. Thus fewer than 3.000 have absconded from the refugee centres without permission.

A programme of repatriation is already in place and will start in cooperation with the Albanian authorities soon after the completion of the elections in Albania. This programme will also apply to those who have absconded from the refugee

Yours faithfully, PAOLO GALLI, Italian Embassy, 14 Three Kings Yard, WI. June 27.

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#### Show me these 'sybaritic' bishops

From Mrs Christopher Herbert

Sir, Writing as a busy schoolteacher. married to an equally busy bishop. I wish I could meet these chauffeurdriven bishops with lavish lifestyles and large staffs, referred to in the review by Lord Bridge of Harwich. Synodical Government in the Church of England (report, June 30).

Having spent lo hours on church business this weekend — nine prepar-ing for, hosting and cleaning up after a day for the clergy families of the diocese here, five at an anniversary service and lunch in a parish, and two at a garden party for retired clergy at the suffragan bishop's house — I find myself this morning desperately racing to write the lower sixth's reports to meet a 4pm deadline. Of course this has to be interrupted to make the coffees for the diocesan staffmeeting here; my husband's sec-retary, bless her, will deal with the staff-meeting lunch as I have to be in

school by then. I do have a day off on Thursday, so I can manage the ordination tea party for 30 without any problems; but I am worried about getting ready for the post-ordination drinks for 130 here on Sunday, given the need to visit our aged parents in Surrey on Saturday. Yes, my husband did ask the gardener to drive him to a service one day last week: that was because the only time he had available to write the eighth sermon, address or speech of the week was in the car.

I could go on — and on — but I would miss the reports deadline and my colleagues, quite rightly, would be after my blood. But I wish I could meet these sybaritic bishops.

Yours, brimming with charity, JAN HERBERT. Abbey Gate House, St Albans, Hertfordshire. June 30.

#### Church openness

From the Reverend Tony Whipp

Sir, Lord Bridge of Harwich claims that his synodical review group was "chiefly concerned with affirming the principles of openness, accountability

and subsidiarity". The reality is that it recommends reducing representation on our national governing body by a third and abolishing completely the level of government closest to the parishes. The impact of such changes could only be that matters would be discussed by far fewer members of the Church and that those discussions would take place closer to the archbishops and hishons and very much further from

individual members of the Church. Openness, accountability and subsidiarity are concepts to which anyone involved in the governance of our Church is no stranger. The proposals you report, however, clearly militate directly against them.

Yours faithfully. TONY WHIPP. St Peter's Vicarage, Cliff Road, Kells, Whitehaven, Cumbria. tony@chezwhip.demon.co.uk

#### Whatever the weather

From Mrs Penny Rutherford

Sir. In all the recent references to sporting and social events that have been rained off recently. I have seen no mention of the gallant Regent's Park Open Air Theatre company. They performed on both last Thursday and Friday, days on which Wimbledon was rained off. It seems that for hardy thespians rain does not

stop play. Yours faithfully, PENNY RUTHERFORD, 9 College Drive, Ruislip, Middlesex. don@ruthers.demon.co.uk

#### Pound penalty

July 1.

From Mr Edward Samples

Sir, I was interested to read in your Business section today about the strengthening of sterling, some 35 per cent against the mark since 1995, as I am contemplating buying a Volks-wagen car. As their retail price continues to rise in sterling, rather than stabilise or fall, is the company not benefiting unduly from the windfall profits arising from the stronger

Yours faithfully EDWARD SAMPLES, 33 Linden Way, Darras Hall, Ponteland, Northumberland.

#### Urban dereliction

From Mr Paul J. Hickey

Sir. Suburbs have nothing to do with geography (letter, June 26) but are states of mind.

For example, Golders Green is a suburb while Hampstead and Highgate are not. Indeed, if you told any of the illuminati who run the Heath and Old Hampstead Society that they lived in a suburb, they would probably come round and pebble-dash your house . . .

Yours faithfully, PAUL J. HICKEY, 10 Ebbsfleet Road, NW2.



#### **COURT CIRCULAR**

BUCKINGHAM PALACE July 3: The Duke of Edinburgh today anended a pre-lunch Reception at the Hotel followed by the ingham Post Business Awards Luncheun at the International Convention Centre, Birmingham, at which His Royal Highness presented

the Awards.
The Duke of Edinburgh was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of West Midlands (Mr

July 2: Mrs Robert de Pass has succeeded the Hon Mary Morrison as Lady in Waiting to The Queen. July 3: The Prince Edward, President the Commonwealth Games Federa-tion, this morning received the Chair-

man (Mr Michael Fennell).

His Royal Highness, Trustee. The
Duke of Edinburgh's Award, today
gave a Luncheon at Buckingham
Palace. Juy 3: The Princess Ruyal, Colonel-in-Chief. Royal Corps of Signals, this morning received Major General Archibald Birtwistle upon relinquish-

ing his appointment as Master of Signals and Major-General Ian Signals and Major-General lan Sprackling upon assuming the

appointment.

Her Royal Highness. Chancelor.

University of London, afterwards antended the Summer Congregation of the London Business School at Sussex Place, Regent's Park, London NWI.

The Princess Rayal, Patron, Nat-ional Association of Victims Support Schemes, this afternoon opened the National Conference at the University of Warwick, Gibbett Hill Road, Coventry, and was received by Mr David Burbidge (Deputy Lieutenant of West Midlands).

#### Today's royal engagements

ional Autistic Society, will open 13-15 Barnes Lane, run by the Wessex Playground at 3.35.

Princess Margaret will attend a and Europe at St Mary's University College, Twickenham, at 3.30.

#### Company The following have been elected

Deputy Master.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
July 3: The Prince of Wales this
morning arrived in the Philippines
and was received by Her Majesty's Ambassador (His Excellency

Ambassador (His Eucellency Mr
Adrian Thorpe).
His Royal Highness later laid a
Wreath at the Rizal Shrine and
attended a meeting with The President of the Republic of the Philippines
at Malacanang Palace. Manila.
The Prince of Wales afterwards
visited San Agustin Church.
His Royal Highness this afternoon
attended a Reception for the British
community at the Manila Hotel.
The Prince of Wales this evening
attended a Reception and Dinner
given by President Fidel Ramos at
Malacanang Palace.
KENSINGTON PALACE

KENSINGTON PALACE

July 3: The Duchess of Gloucester this afternoon opened Manor Farm Day Centre for the Elderly, Egham, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Surrey (Sir Rich-

Afterwards Her Royal Highness opened the St John Council for Surrey's new headquarters in Guildford. YORK HOUSE

YORK HOUSE July 3: The Duke of Kent this morning named the train Harlow 1947-1997 at Harlow Town Railway Station, Edinburgh Way, Harlow, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Essex (the Lord Beautynake) Braybrookel.
His Royal Highness this afternoon

ris koyal righties us alternoon visited Northern Telecom, London Road, Harlow, and the Coalhouse Fort, East Tilbury, Essex.

The Duchess of Kent this afternoon attended the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club Wimbledon Championships, London SW19.

The Princess Royal, Patron. Nat-Autistic Society, Beaminster, Dor-set, at 10.50; as Patron, the Home Scheme at Woodway Street. Chudleigh, Newton Abbot, at 12.45; as President, the Rural Housing Trust, will visit Vicarage Court, Timberscombe, Somerset, at 3.20; and the John Arlott

garden party for teachers from the Commonwealth, the United States The Duke of Kent will attend the Wimbledon Championships at

### Tallow Chandlers'

officers of the Tallow Chandlers' Company for the ensuing year: Master, Mr J.B.N. Kurkijan; First Warden, Mr R.A.B. Nicolle: Second Warden. Brigadier N.H. Thompson: Third Warden, Mi C.R. Lambourne: Fourth Warden. Mr C.P. Tootal, Mr C.A. Holborow has been appointed

#### Service dinners HMS Victory

Admiral Sir Michael Boyce, Second Sea Lord and Commander-in-Chief Naval Home Command, was the host at a dinner held last night onboard his flagship, HMS Victory, in Portsmouth. Ammiraglio Mariani, Chief of Naval Staff, Italy, and Signora Mariani and Contrammiraglio Cesaretti, Naval Assistant to the Chief of Naval Staff. Italy, and Signora Casaretti were among the

guests. Corps of Royal Engineers General Sir John Stibbon, Chief Royal Engineer, presided at a dinner held last night in the Royal Engineers' Headquarter Mess, Chatham. The guests included: Sir Peter Levene. Sir Eric Yarrow, Air Chief Marshal Sir Richard Johns, Lieutenant-General Sir Hew Pike and Air Marshal Sir Peter Squire.

#### University news Oxford

The Geoffrey Hill Spray Prize in Clinical Biochemistry for 1997 has been awarded to Alexander Richard Lyon. Trinity College

St John's College Elected to Honorary Fellowships: Edmund John Phillip Browne and Professor Mervyn Allister King.

#### Birthdays today

**DEATHS** 

his 55th birthday today

The Duke of Abercorn, 63: Mr René Arnoux, former racing driver, 49: Lord Barber, 77; Sir Alec Bedser and his twin brother Mr Eric Bedser, former cricketers, 79; Mr M.D. Brough, plastic surgeon, 55; the Earl of Buchan, 67; Mr Richard Clothier, chief executive, Dalgety. 52: Mr R.A. Garrett. former chairman, National

The King of Tonga celebrates his 79th birthday today

Prince Michael of Kent celebrates his 55th birthday today

Association of Boys' Clubs, 79: Mr Alastair Goodlad, MP, 54: Mr Roy Henderson, baritone, 98: Mr Henderson, baritone, 98: Mr Henderson, baritone, 194: Mr Michael Market Michael Michael Market Market Michael Ma Miss Gina Lollobrigida. actress, 70; Mr Peter Richardson. former cricketer. 60: Sir Paul Scoon, former Governor-General of Grenada, 62: Miss Pam Shriver, tennis player, 35: Mr Neil Simon, playwright. 70; Sir Michael Stoker, FRS, former President, Clare Hall. Cambridge, 79; Mr Colin Welland, actor and playwright. 63; Lord Wyatt of Weeford, 79.

#### **Dinners**

in England and Wales

the Honourable Artillery Com-pany to 2nd Lieutenant Stephen Trenwith and presented a cheque to the winner of the 1997 charitable project of the company, the East-bourne Area Parents Action Ms Judith Cottrell, students who have achieved excellence in their studies and examinations. Among

Sir Aaron Klug, OM, President of the Royal Society, was the principal guest and speaker at the annual dinner of the British Academy held last night at Middle Temple Hall after the annual meeting. Sir Keith Thomas, FBA. president, received the guests.

Glaziers' Company

of Chemistry at the California Institute of Technology were among the guests.

#### Meeting

Street, London, WCI. Mr Alan Lee Williams, Director of the Atlantic Council of the United Kingdom,

Chartered Accountants

The Lord Mayor, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, was a speaker at the annual ladies dinner of the Company of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales held last night at the Mansion House, Mr W.S.C. Richards, Master, presided, assisted by Mr G.H. Kingsmill, Senior War-den, and Mr W.K. Gardener, Junior Warden. The Cardinal Archbshop of Westminster and the

Senior Warden also spoke.

During the evening the Master presented the Lord Mayor with a cheque in response to his appeal for the Cancer Research Cam-paign, presented the Chartered Accountants Sword to the Outstanding Officer of the Year of Group, for their work among the disabled. Presentations were also made to Ms Pollyann Whitson and

others present were:
The Ambassador of the Ukraine and
Mrs Komissarenko. the Masters of
the Woolmen's and Felimakers'.
Companies, the Master of the
Company of Chartered Secretaries
and Administrators, the President of
the Institute of Chartered
Accountants in England and Wales
and the Commanding Officer of the
Honourable Artillery Company and
their ladles.

British Academy

meeting. Sir Keith Thomas, FBA., president, received the guests. Among those present were:

The Bishop of Oxford, Baroness Hollis of Helgham. Lord Young of Dardingson, the Hon Peter Brooke, CH, MF, the Hon William Waldegrave, Sir Kenneth Durham. FBA. Dame lennifer Fenkins, Lady Klug, Sir Rex Richards, FRS. FBA. MF & Dame lennifer Fenkins, Lady Klug, Sir Rex Richards, FRS. FBA. MF & F. Can Professor C Carey, Professor D L d'Avray, Professor C FD. Bronessor D L d'Avray, Professor E Foner, FBA. MF & Gascolgne. Professor E T Hall, Professor A F Harding, Professor W R Louis, FBA. MF & A R Maclennan, MF, Professor J S Rowlinson, FRS. Miss C Tomalin, Professor N B Vincent, Professor S R N Whybray.

The Vice-Chancellor of Southampton University, the President of Trinity College, Cambridge, the Master of Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, the Master of Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, the Provist of the London Guildhall University, the Director of the School of Oriental and African Studies, the President of the British School at Athens, the Director of Brighton University, the Chief Executive of the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals, the Director of the Quality Assurance Group of Higher Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals, the Director of the Higher Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals, the Director of the Academic Director of Policy of the Higher Courtaind Institute, the Chairman of the British Ilhrary, the Librarian of the Landon Library, the Director of the National Portrait Gallery, the Chief Executive of Cambridge University Press, the President of the British Ilhrary, the Librarian of the Landon Library and the Chairman of the Roman Professor of the Rest of the Minister, the Editor of The Primes Minister, the Editor of The Primes Minister, the Editor of The Primes Library Supplement and the Editor of the London Review of Books, Glaziers' Company

Mr M.C. Tosh, Master of the Glaziers' Company, assisted by the Upper Warden, received members and their guests at the St Peter's Day Quarter Court dinner held last night at Glazier's Hall. The Masters of the Turners', Glovers' and Coachmakers' and Coach Harness Makers' Companies and Professor J.H. Richards, Professor

Atlantic Council
Mr Geoffrey Smith was the
speaker at an Atlantic Forum
briefing held last night at 33 John



David Shaw, 12, left, from Manchester, and Sam Wood, 11, from Leicester, the youngest players in the British Schools Chess Championship, sponsored by The Times, starting play at the Charing Cross Hotel, London, yesterday

#### Promotions in the RAF

Half Yearly Promotions
The Ministry of Defence announces the following RAF promotions, all effective from July 1, 1997:
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AIR COMMODORE TO AIR VICE-MARSHAL: M D Piedger; G E Stirrup: R A Wright.
GROUP CAPTAIN TO AIR COMMODORE: E J Black: G D Stimpson; N J Sudborough; R Brumpton: C M Davison: G Jones; O D L Delany; A T Ford.
GENERAL DUTTES BRANCH
WING COMMANDER TO GROUP

D L Delany; A T Ford.

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A COKET, R Cook H R Corney; A G O
Dee: P C Goodman: J E Jeffrey: I A
Milne: B W Newby; M I Roundedge: N E
Threapieton: R Utley: D Waler.
SOUADRON LEADER TO WING
COMMANDER: A S Barmby: S G
Barnes: G H Booth: T Gross: W G S
Borbson: S D Forward: L GarsidBeattle: A D Gunby: N R Jagger; A W
Kerr: S D Lingley: N D Meyrick: P N
Oborn: D A Simpson; I R W Stewart: A
R D Welham; P J W Whitaker; W D
Williams; G A Wright.
FLIGHT LIEUTENANT TO
SQUADRON LEADER: M C Aliton; J P
Arden: M P Barley; I P Beager; M J
Beardmore: T D Q Below: P K Best; R C
Blair: M O Brown: S M Brownlow: J
Burr: J M Calder; G Clark: A W
Cochrane: M J Cole: D M M Crosby: G
P Dalley: R K Dyson: P Evans; A S
Frost; J M Goatham; J P Hancock: B
Hardy-Gillings: R L Hawlons: G J
Herbert: A K Hill: A P Hill: S
Frost; J M Goatham; J P Hancock: B
Hardy-Gillings: R L Hawlons: G J
Herbert: A K Hill: A P Hill: S
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N P D Lee: P J D Lenihan: M R
Leonczek; R M J Roston; P M H
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Rust: M & Sampson; T D Simpson; M S
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M S P Coleman; J H Filness; C R
Gibson: A J Hall: E W M Lackey; M R
Madden; S S McFarland: G L
McGregor: J B Portock; B Wilson.
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GROUP CAPTAIN TO AIR COMMODORE: T M GIDSON LEGAL BRANCH AIR COMMODORE TO AIR VICE-MARSHAL: J Weeden.

#### **Anniversaries**

BIRTHS: Jean Pierre Blanchard, balloonist and pioneer aviator, Les Andelys, 1753; Nathaniel Hawthorne, writer, Salem, Massachusetts, 1804; Giuseppe Garibaldi, Italian patriot, Nice, 1807; Stephen Foster, songwriter, Pittsburg, 1826; Thomas Barnardo, founder of the homes bearing his name. Dublin, 1845; Calvin Coolidge, 30th American President 1923-29. Plymouth Notch, Vermont, 1872; Gertrude Lawrence, actress, London, 1898; Louis Armstrong, singer, New Orleans, 1900.

DEATHS: Ortelius, cartographer, Antwerp, 1598; William Byrd, or-ganist and composer, Stondon Massey, Essex, 1623; Samuel Richardson, novelist, Parson's Green, Middlesex, 1761; John

Adams, 2nd American President 1797-1801, Quincy, Massachusetts, 1826; Thomas Jefferson, 3rd American President 1801-1809, Monticello, Virginia, 1826; James Monroe, 5th American President 1817-25, New York, 1831; Marie Curie, physicist, Nobel laureate 1903 and 1911, Sallariches, France, 1934. Today is American Independence Day, commemorating the signing of the Declaration of Indepen-

dence, 1776. The Communist Manifesto was published, 1848.

James Keir Hardie became the first Socialist to win a seat in the British Parliament, 1892. Work began on the Panama Canal,

Giggleswick School The following scholarships to Giggleswick School have been

School news

awarded for the academic year 1997/98: Sinds Form: Caroline Sinclair, Academic, St Mary's, Crosby, Alexandra Hail, Sport, Ilkley Grammar School.

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Third Form:
Stuart Hyslop, Academic, Giggleswick; Zoe Harrison, Academic,
Catteral Hall; Kate Meredith.
Academic, Catteral Hall; Eleonor
Robinson, Academic, Catteral Hall;
Ian Anderson, General Distinction,
Bradford Grammar School: Davide
Houtbrook, General Distinction,
Grossenor House; Thomas Balley,
General Distinction, Catteral Hall;
Georgina Watson, General Distinction,
Catteral Hall; Jack Hird, Sport,
Bentham; Alexandre Khormyl, Art,
Catteral Hall; Lactile Royle, Art,
Catteral Hall;

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Christopher French, Academic,
Bentham; Nicholas Hird, Academic,
Sport. Bentham: Charles Marsh,
Academic, Grusvenor House, Marsh,
Academic, Grusvenor House, Aaron
Stott, Music, St Joseph's Hill Park
Convent: Sophie Thormton, General
Distinction, Westville House, likey:
Monty Caudwell Todd, General
Distinction, Cracoe & Rystone
Primary; Matthew Wright, Shife
Scholarship, Giggleswick County
Primary; Tom York, General Distinction, Holme Park Prep, Kendal

Ibstock Place School The summer term concludes to-

day. Yesterday at Speech Day our Guest speaker was the Hon Nigella Lawson. The Maurice Finnan Award for Services to the School was awarded to Amy Dixon and Fred Scofield. The new Roberts Hall and enlarged Kindergarten open next term which starts on September 4.

Westminster Cathedral Choir School

Summer Term ends tonight after the annual Concert at St John's Smith Square and the presentation of prizes by the Cardinal Arch-bishop of Westminster. Awards have been won by the following boys:

Maske
To Ampieforth: H. Lydon
To Bedford School: M. Davies
To King's College School: M. Puilinger
To King's College School: M. Puilinger
To Worth School: G. Beatly, B. Durbin,
The Choristers leave after Vespers on
Sunday, July 13, and Michaelmas Term
begins on Monday, September 8.

#### The Pensions Management Institute

The following candidates have com-pleted the Associateship examina-tions of The Pensions Management

hons of The Pensions Management Institute

J. Baker: N. Bares: N. A. Bolding: R. O. Brassington: R. E. Brennah; K. J. Brigge: M. J. Brown: H. A. S. Bryden: G. Buist; F. M. Carler, K. Chalerati: B. J. Chilmanbakwe; L. A. Clarit; A. L. Cockrell; J. Collins: G. Collinson: S. E. Cummins; J. K. Dawson; C. V. Duce: P. J. Brans; S. A. Flemting: T. H. Gosden: B. A. Greenberg: D. J. Green; D. C. Gimley; M. C. Henderson: P. D. Histocke: L. M. Hood; J. H. Hubbard; A. J. Hughes: S. A. Hutchings: D. W. Johnson: C. Jones: J. S. Jones: M. J. Kanis, S. Keegan; A. J. Kershaw: B. A. Krishna; R. A. Laccy: P. Latimer: S. S. W. G. S. Lovelis; R. Malcolni: A. C. Marzh; J. C. A. Mazerball; A. J. McCarly; P. E. Medcalder: S. K. Miller: S. Murdocki: C. J. Murray; J. K. Nimmer: R. Patmone: C. M. Peacock: D. C. Pharxis: J. F. Pablisson: J. S. Rose: P. A. Smith: E. F. Summer; D. J. Sweensy; P. M. Sweensy; P. Tabrist: D. F. Tabrist: D.

#### Memorial service

Lord Harvington The Lord Chancellor was represented by Lord Boston of Faversham, OC, and the Speaker by Sir Alan Haselhurst, Chairman of Ways and Haselhurst, Chairman of Ways and Means, at a service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Lord Harvington held yesterday at St Margarets Church, Westminster Abbey, Canon Donald Gray officiated. The Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster, the Abbott of Donai, Lord Hunt of Tanworth, Trustee of the

minster, the Abbott of Douai, Lord Hunt of Tanworth, Trustee of the Tablet Publishing Company, and the Earl of Gainsborough, Knight of the Sovereign Military Order of Maltaled the prayers.

The Hon Lady Brinckman, daughter, and Pather the Hon Piers Grant-Ferris, OSB, son, read the lessurs. Mr Edward Trehearne, grandson, read from his grandfather's works and from the works of Thomas Gray. Sir Anthony Kershaw gave an address.

dress.

The Abbott of Ampleforth and the the Rev Jonathan Goodall. Sacrist of Westminster Abbey, were robed and in the Sanchuary.

wate, Mr P waith, Mr Prants winey, Mrs Margaret Woistenholme.

Dom Alberic Stacpoole, Brother Anthony Marett-Crosty, OSB, Brother Kavier Ho, OSB and Brother Bruno Ta, OSB (Amptelorth Abbey), Councillor Mrs Alice Roberts, Mrs Roselle Labovinch and Councillor Mrs Angela Graham (Crewe and Nantwich Borough Council), Mr Peter Higgs and Mr Philip Daniel (Carholic Union of Greal Britain), Dom Boniface Moran, OSB (Donal Abbey), Mr Anthony Burton (Donal Society), Falher Godfic Timney, OSB (Donal School).

Mr Peregrine Bertie (Soverign Williamy Order of Malza), Faither Dimikri Borgant (Focolate Movement), Mr Robert Esden (Imperial Society of Knights Bachelor), Mr John Hyland (Irish Guards Association), Commodore P C Nicholson, Rear Commodore DF Bliddle (Royal Yacht Squadron) with Mrs Nicholson, Mrs Matusch and Mrs Biddle, Sister Commodore DF Gabriel Lee and Sister Patricia Diunne (Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions), Mr Cilve Prichard (Southdown Sheep Society), Mr Maurice Ryan, Mr John Maurice Ryan, Mr John Maurice Ryan, Mr John

MT LIVE PTICIARY (SOUTHOUGH) Sheep Society).
MT Maurice Ryan, Mr John Hornyold-Strickland and Frá Hubert Kós (British Association, Sovereign Millary Order of Maita), Mrs Audrey Smith (Inland Waterways Association) sealor members of the Royal Thames Yacht Club, and many other inlends and former colleagues.

#### **Forthcoming** marriages

Mr A. Buder and Miss C.L. MacLaren The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Sir Robin and Lady Butler, of Herne Hill. London, and Catriona, daughter of Mr and Mrs Jain MacLaren, of

Edinburgh. Mr A.N. Stadi and Miss M.C. Keeley The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of the late

Air Chief Marshal Sir Neville Stack and of Lady Stack, of Fulham, London, and Marianne, daughter of Dr and Mrs Francis Keeley, of Haddonfield, New Jersey. Mr P.J.W. Bocock

and Miss K.L. Craig
The engagement is announced
between Piers, only son of Mr and Mrs Peter Booock, and Katherine, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Craig, both of Washington DC. Mr S.C.C. Dayes and Miss O.M. MacSherry

The engagement is announced between Simon, son of the late Mr Harry Dayes and of Mrs Charity Dayes, of Ashley Priors, Torquay, and Orla, daughter of the late Mr John MacSherry and of Mrs Nuala MacSherry, of County Ty-rone, Northern Ireland.

Mr N.E. Harvey
and Miss E.J.L. Guerrini
The engagement is announced
between Nicholas, son of Mr and Mrs Edward Harvey, of Wickham Hall, Bishop's Stortford, and Emma daughter of Mr and Mrs

Gerard Guerrini, of Wimbledon, London. Mr T.R. Ireland and Miles H.L. Edwards

The engagement is announced between Tobin, younger son of Mr Chris Ireland and of Mrs Margot Ireland, of Cobham, Surrey, and Hermione, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Edwards, of Newport.

Mr D.G. Stocks and Miss A.J. Revans The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs Graeme Stocks, of Tunbridge Wells, Kent, and Amanda, youn-

gest daughter of Mr and Ronald Revans, of Stam Lincolnshire. Mr A. Thatcher The engagement is announced between Andrew eldest son of Mr

and Mrs John Thatcher, of Bristol, and Charlotte, daughter of Mr and Mrs Charles Eve, of Pauillac, France, and London. Mr G.P. Thornett . and Miss J.H.A. Wild The engagement is announced between Gary, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Harold Thomest, of

Stratford-upon-Avon. shire, and Julia, only daughter of Mr and Mrs John Wild, of Mr J.J.H. Walford and Miss S.J.C. Roberts

The engagement is armounced between Julian, son of Mr and Mrs Michael Walford, of Baughurst, Hampshire, and Sian. daughter of the late Mr Gwyn Roberts and of Mrs George Brown, of Great Ayton. North Yorkshire.

#### Marriage

Mr E.H. Jenkins ... and Miss C.C. Hitchcox and Miss C.C. Fischeox
The marriage took place on Saturday, June 28, at the Church of St
John the Baptist, Mount Bures,
between Mr Hugo Jenkins, son of Sir Michael and Lady Jenkins, of Sevenoaks, Kent, and Miss Clau-dia Hitchcox, only daughter of the late Mr Duncan Hitchcox and of Mrs Claire Hitchcox, of Belchamp Walter, Suffolk,

Garden party

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### JAMES STEWART

James Stewart, film actor, died at his Beverly Hills home on July 2 aged 89. He was born in Vinegar Hill, Indiana on May 20, 1908.

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> Ithough James Stewart became an archetype of western heroes, and, as a more mature character player, could turn his hand to reprobates, psychopaths and spiky lawyers, the original small-town boy never quite vanished. He might have put on weight, but there was still the same disarming looselimbed awkwardness, the hesitation and characteristic gulp in his talk, and the persistent air of slightly hurt bemusement.

He was regarded at the outset of his career as something of a challenge by casting directors. But this very awkwardness was eventu-ally perceived as a tremendous asset, making him unique in acting style among Hollywood's leading men. His down-home manner and hesitant drawl soon became his instantly recognished began to ape his screen persona in his private life and it was impossible in detect where the man ended he his wife and the actor began. As his wife admonished him at a party one night when he was beginning one of his shaggy dog stories: "Now, dear, don't talk like limmy Stewart."

> A spindly, bespectacled youngster, James Maitland Stewart grew up in the delightfully cornball ethos of Vinegar Hill, Indiana, where his father had a china business. But he had a good head on his shouldersand got a place at Princeton to study architecture. There, however, he was soon caught up in university amateur dramatics.

On graduation he joined the University Players, established by his contemporary Joshua Logan. Other members of the company were Henry Fonda, who became a lifelong friend despite their political polarity (Stewart remained a committed though unaggressive Republican throughout his life and, like John Wayne, was a staunch supporter of American action in Vietnam) and Margaret Sullavan, with whom there seems to have been a romantic attachment. though it was Fonda who in time and rose to the rank of brigadier-

became the first of her four

husbands. With Fonda he went to New York where his first professional appearance was as Constable Gano in Carrie Nation at the Biltmore Theatre on October 29, 1932 He landed a run of small parts after this, and was spotted on stage by Hedda Hopper, whose recommendation helped him to get a long-term contract with MGM in 1935.

During the next few years, as he progressed from supporting roles to juvenile leads, he worked with an astonishing rester of the best Hollywood directors of the time Tim Whelan, W.S. van Dyke, Clarence Brown, William Wellman, Henry King and John Crom-

His role as Eleanor Powell's leading man in Born To Dance (1936) confirmed him as a star. Margaret Sullavan, by this time herself established as a star at Universal, asked for him as her leading man in Next Time We Love (1936), and they later worked as a charming team in H.C. Potter's Shopwork Angel (1938), Ernst Lubitsch's The Shop Around The Corner (1939) and Frank Borzage's The Mortal Storm (1940).
Stewart's air of sweet incorrupt-

ible small-town boy, personifying the values of an older, kinder, better America, but capable of fighting stubbornly for his principles, was perfect material for Frank Capra's American fables. Before the war Canra directed Stewart in You Can't Take It With You (1938) and Mr Smith Goes To Washington (1939).

in Destry Rides Again (1939), opposite Marlene Dietrich, Stewart played his first classic western role; while George Cukor's The Philadelphia Story, in which his co-stars were Katharine Hepburn and Carv Grant, won him an Oscar, After an anticlimactic run of parts — Come Live With Me, Pot o' Gold, Ziegfeld Girl — he joined the US Army Air Corps, rising from private to colonel and receiving the Distinguished Flying Cross for 23 bombing missions over Germany with the Eighth Army Air Force. He became chief of staff of the Eighth Air Force's Second Combat Wing. After the war he pursued his military duties with the same enthusiasm.



James Stewart in the American Civil War drama Shenandoah, 1965

general in the Reserve, making him failed to capture the popularity of the highest ranking entertainer in

On his return from the war he threw in his lot with Capra's shortlived independent production unit Liberty Films; but the resulting picture It's A Wonderful Life (1946)

the prewar Capra films. This setback was followed by William Wellman's Magic Town (1947). which proved again that postwar audiences were not in the market for sentiment.

In his mid-thirties, Stewart now

had to find maturer roles to offset the persistent boyish charm. He triumphantly revitalised his career with the part of a tough but incorruptible Chicago police reporter in Henry Hathaway's Call Northside 777 (1948). Adjusting to the new economies of Hollywood,

in 1952 Stewart was one of the first stars to enter into a percentage arrangement with his studio, Universal, rather than the traditional employee contract.

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Stewart had the reputation among fellow professionals for being a wholly congenial and conscientious worker. He gratefully attributed his capacity for hard work and discipline to his training under the old-time studio system. Directors spoke of his readiness to undertake whatever hardships or special training a role required (for Vinchester 73 he made himself a formidable expert with the weapon He first played for Alfred Hitch-

cock in Rope (1948), as the teacher who realises that his own philosophy has led two of his students to motiveless murder. In Rear Window (1954) he played a reluctant voyeur — a photographer confined to his room and window by a broken leg; in The Man Who Knew Too Much (1956) the role created by Leslie Banks in the 1934 original; in Vertigo (1958) a detective beset with personality problems of his own.

His career in westerns was shaped by his association with Anthony Mann, and enabled him to broaden his acting range and techniques. Their first western collaboration Winchester 73 (1950) was followed by Bend of the River (1952), The Naked Spur (1953), The Far Country (1954) and The Man From Laramie (1955).

Later Stewart westerns with John Ford — Two Rode Together (1961). The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance (1962) and Cheyenne Autumn (1964) — seemed to reflect the advancing age of both director and actor, in the more elegiac view of the West they presented. Even after this, however, Stewart frequently returned to western roles - in three films by Andrew V. Mclaglen: Shenandoah (1965), The Rare Breed (1966) and Bandolero! (1968); in Vincent McEveety's Firecreek (1968); in Gene Kelly's The Chevenne Social Club (1970); and for the last time in Don Siegel's memorable epitaph for the West. The Shootist (1976).

Stewart was at his dullest in biopies or "institution" stories such as The Stratton Story (1949), the phenomenally successful Glenn Miller Story (1953), Strategic Air Command (1955), The FBI Story (1959), and Billy Wilder's Spirit of St Louis (1957).

There was always another, offbeat side to Stewart's "nice" image, however. He clearly had a great affection for Elwood P. Dowd, the inoffensive alcoholic hero of Harvey, which he played repeatedly on stage (the last time with Helen Hayes on Broadway in 1970) as well as in the 1950 film version. In his later working years he seemed positively to relish less reputable roles: a crook in Bandolero! (1968): the heir to a whorehouse in the Cheyenne Social Club (1970). which reunited him with Henry Fonda; and in Fool's Parade (1971) a righteously vengeful old convict

with a companionable glass eye. His final film appearances seemed whimsical choices: Michael Winner's The Big Sleep (1977), the formula comedy Airport 77 (1977) and The Magic of Lassie (1978), in which Stewart was an endearing grandad who even sang. He made infrequent appearances in tele-

n 1984 Stewart received a special Academy Award for fifty years of meaningful performances, for his high skills both on and off the screen, with the respect and affection of his colleagues". His own view of acting was strictly practical, and certainly underestimated his achievement: The most important thing about acting is to approach it as a craft, not as an art and not as some

mysterious kind of religion". Stewart carried his home-town image into his private life; his long years in the ranks of Hollywood's most eligible bachelors produced no breath of scandal. He was already 41 when he married, in 1949, Gloria McLean, and she came with a ready-made family of two sons. Theirs was regarded as one of the happiest marriages in Hollywood: it endured until her death from lung cancer in 1994. After her death Stewart, devastated by his loss, became a virtual recluse.

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He is survived by one of the two stepsons she brought to their marriage, and by their own two daughters. A second stepson was killed while on active service in Vietnam in 1969.

#### SIR KENNETH LEWIS

Sir Kenneth Lewis, former Conservative MP for Rutland and Stamford, died on July 2 aged 81. He was born on July 1, 1916.

IN 1957 England's smallest county. Rutland, delivered a significant political surprise. To the consternation of the Tory Establishment, the constituency of Rutland and Stamford rejected various Old Etonian candidates and selected instead Kenneth Lewis, a travel agent and an old boy of Jarrow Central School.

Lewis, though, soon allayed the fears of the Conservative hierarchy. For nearly 30 years he proved to be an outstanding backbencher and a much loved constituency Member. Rutland became his adopted home, to which he retired. His successful fight to maintain.

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warned Edward Heath in November 1974 that the Conservative Party leadership was "a leasehold, not a freehold" a phrase which became the touch-paper for the Tory power struggle that eventually resulted in Margaret Thatcher displacing Heath. Setting that process in motion was a notable achievement for an unconventional Conservative MP who scarcely conformed to the normal vision of a knight of the shires".

Kenneth Lewis was the son of William Lewis, a Tyneside shipfitter, and his wife Agnes. His background was distinctly modest the family lived in a

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the independence of Rutland small house, shared with a in the early 1960s won plaudits couple upstairs, with no bath-throughout the country. com and a tin tub put out in Many older parliamentari- from of the fire when required ans will also remember Lewis From his state school in as the figure who stood up in Jarrow the young Lewis gained a place at Edinburgh University, joining the University Air Corps On the outbreak of war he

volunteered for the RAF. Later he was to fly as a rear-gunner in Lancaster bombers on raids over Germany. On one occasion his Perspex shield smashed at a height of 30,000 ft on his way to Berlin. He suffered severe frostbite and, after a time in hospital, was discharged as medically unfit. But he was immediately recruited into the public relations department of the RAF. Here he developed his considerable writing skills, which remained with him until the end of his life.

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Lewis showed an interest in politics from an early age. He decided to retire. A selection was first seen to be active in committee was set up. Lewis, political life in his home town of Jarrow, where he became initially secretary and ultimately chairman of the then equivalent of the Young Conservatives.

Towards the end of the war. he was given leave to return from Belgium to fight the 1945 general election, in which he unsuccessfully contested the Lancashire seat of Newton as a Conservative

In 1950 he again contested Newton, and, in 1951, the more marginal Ashton-under-Lyme, which he failed to win. He did not stand in the 1955 election. The turning-point for his political career came in 1957 when he arrived in the strongly traditional county of Rutland. The sitting Member. Sir Roger Conant, a typical

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county MP of those days, had as a Tyneside travel agent. was a complete outsider - but he had natural charm and, In the end he was selected.

Harold Macmillan's Government was far from popular in Rutland. In July 1959 Sir Henry Hancock had come to the county, as chairman of the Local Government Commission. His commission had the unenviable task of reforming local government; Rutland seemed to have no chance under guidelines set out by the Conservative Government. Sure enough, when the commission made its first report in 1960 it was worse than anyone expected. Rutland was not only to be murdered: it was to be dismembered. The majority of the county was to be involuntarily incorporated into Leicestershire.

In the Commons Lewis made a real nuisance of himself. "I was uncertain as to whether the fight was winnable but I figured we could only win it politically. I came in with questions to every minister I could, on anything I thought was appropriate, nothing to do with Rutland. I used to just bring Rutland in." he recalled.

At the Conservative Party conference that autumn Lewis won the ballot for the then Saturday morning debate. He decided to play to the gallery, threatening to call in the United Nations to sort out Rutland's dispute. The conference collapsed in laughter, and a motion in favour of Rutland keeping its independence was overwhelmingly carried.

In the summer of 1961 the



Local Government Commission presented its final report. There was no reprieve for chairman. The sense of overwhelming Rutland. "The population, resources, case-loads, staff and institutions make it impossible for Rutland to be a fully effective county, either now or in the future," was the com-

mission's verdict. Lewis went to see lain Macleod, chairman of the Conservative Party. "Why Conservative Party. pick on little Rutland, it's not going to cost you anything to say forget the bloody thing and leave them alone," he bluntly told the party

public sympathy eventually reached the Prime Minister. William Codrington, Rutland's Lord-Lieutenant, met Macmillan quietly for dinner at Pratt's Club. The Prime Minister asked: "What's all this trouble in Rutland?", and his host replied: "If you leave it as it is, that will be what everyone wants." And that

was what happened.

County Show on a glorious summer's day. Kenneth Lewis and other dignitaries were ushered into a Land-Rover and toured the arena in a lap of honour. The next day, a Times leader congratulated "the little, gallant county. Her loyal defenders have put up a most sporting fight and so have earned her cheer." Alas, the reprieve was only

The victory announcement

coincided with Rutland's

temporary: Rutland died as an administrative county on April I, 1979. It became a district of Leicestershire, but Lewis lived long enough to see his county's independence restored earlier this year. His interests did not lie only

in his adopted county. He was fascinated by all aspects of the proceedings of the House and was considered "a sound House of Commons man". If he failed to become a Minister, was, no doubt, partly because his forthright attitudes did not always appeal to successive government Chief Whips. Kenneth Lewis served as

MP for Rutland and Stamford from 1959 until the boundary changes made in 1983. There was then great dismay when he stood aside for a neighbour and moved instead to be elected as Member for the new constituency of Stamford and Spalding. He finally retired from the Commons in 1987, having been knighted in 1983. He was appointed a Deputy Lieutenant for Rutland in

He married in 1948 Jane (known as Jean), daughter of Samuel Pearson of Adderstone, Mains, Northumberland. She died in 1991 and he is survived by a son and a daughter.

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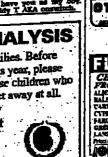
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#### L.N.E.R. TRAIN'S 125 M.P.H. A BRITISH RECORD

A streamlined locomotive of the London and North Eastern Railway drawing seven streamlined coaches yesterday, attained a speed of 125 miles an hour on a straight stretch of track between Grantham and Peterborough. This speed, which was maintained for 306 yards, is stated by officials of the company to be an improvement of about 11

miles an hour on the previous British record

for steam locomotives. The occasion yesterday was a test run and a party of engineers travelled in the train, which before reaching its maximum speed main-tained a speed of 120 miles an hour for three miles. Attached to the train was a dynamometer car containing charts and instruments which confirmed the speed. The section of line chosen was near Little Bytham Station. The speed was reduced only because the train was nearing a junction at Essendine.

While the record was being made tea was being served in the train, and observers report that the motion was so smooth that none was

The train was driven by Driver J.

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## ON THIS DAY

July 4, 1938

Steam railway engines never lose their appeal; witness the crowd of young and old whenever a famous loco takes to the rails. Mallard 4-6-2 4468 (later 60022) is now one of the attractions in the National Rail Museum. York.

Doncaster, and Locomotive Inspector J. Jenkins of London was on the footplate. The Pacific type locomotive employed is named Mallard and was designed by Sir Nigel Gresley, chief mechanical engineer of the L.N.E.R. It was built at Doncaster last March, and is normally stationed there.

The previous British record of 114 miles an hour was set up a year ago by the L.M.S Coronation Scot express on its inaugural run. An L.N.E.R. official stated that the authenticated world record for a steam, locomotive is held by a German engine. This was a speed of 125 miles an hour, but a report was received

recently from America of a train there achieving a speed of 127.2 miles an hour over a straight stretch of track.

The Mallard belongs to a class of locomotive which has made many runs of more than 100 m.p.h. and the Silver Link created a world's record by averaging 100 m.p.h. for 43 consecutive miles with the Silver Jubilee train

#### RELICS OF NELSON

PORTSMOUTH JULY 3 On July 25 Admiral of the Fleet Lord Cork, Commander-in-Chief, will open the new museum which has been built near H.M.S.

Victory in Portsmouth Dockyard. In this museum have been assembled a number of Nelson relics and other naval exhibits of historic importance that were previously housed in different places. These have been arranged in a well-designed building on a plan which enables visitors to

inspect them conveniently.
On the ground floor of the museum lies the Royal barge of Charles II, which was used to convey Nelson's body from Greenwich to Whitehall on January 8, 1806. Among other exhibits is the death mask of Nelson taken aboard the Victory and the model from which the Victory was built.

### THE TIMES TODAY

#### **NEWS**

#### Sleaze report castigates Tory MPs

■ Neil Hamilton and four other former Conservative MPs were severely censured yesterday in a damning report into parliamentary sleaze that would almost certainly have prompted their expulsion had they still been in the Commons.

There was "compelling" evidence that Mr Hamilton had received direct cash payments from Mohamed Al Fayed, Sir Gordon Downey concluded in his long-awaited findings on the cash-for-questions scandal ..... ..... Pages 1, 10, 11, 21

#### Conran's £10m divorce settlement

Sir Terence Conran was ordered to provide his third wife with a divorce package worth more than £10 million. Lady Conran will keep homes in London and Dorset and receive a lump sum of £6.2 million. The award, by Mr Justice Wilson, is believed to be the largest in a contested divorce ...... Pages 1, 3

#### Shares break record

The stock market reached a record as dealers ignored the threat of rate rises and gave the Budget a vote of confidence. The FTSE 100 closed up 80.3 points at 4831.7 ..... Pages 1, 21, 28

#### Welfare sanctions

Unemployed young people who reject a place on the Government's Welfare to Work scheme will lose full benefits for up to a month, David Blunkett announced..... ... Pages 2, 21

#### **Murder witness**

A nine-year-old girl became a key witness in the trial of Tracie Andrews when she described in videotaped evidence hearing two people arguing at the murder

#### BA dispute hope

British Airways was optimistic that a package of proposals aimed at ending the dispute involving catering staff at Heathrow would be accepted ..... Page 2

#### Hippocrates updated

A draft attempt at rewriting the doctors' Hippocratic Oath was condemned by the BMA as too long and boring. Now they want a poet to have a try ......Page 7

#### Breast is best

Mothers resigned from the National Childbirth Trust over a decision to accept sponsorship from Sainsbury's, which sells breast milk substitute...... Page 9

#### **Ulster** alert

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#### Mir in trouble again

The stricken Russian space station Mir, damaged by a collision last week, lost power when its alignment system broke down, renewing fears for the mission's

ern Europe remains a bold gamble that will present a huge challenge for the security organisation through to the next

#### Volcano victims

Seventy Montserratians are leaving every day for Britain and other parts of the Caribbean as the Chance Peak volcano contin-

#### Hong Kong hazard

Hong Kong's Chief Executive

Thousands of troops will guard strategic locations throughout Northern Ireland this weekend if no agreement is reached on the route of Ulster's most contentious

Pensions warning: The pensions industry has told companies they will have to find an extra £75 billion over the next decade to fill the hole created by the abolition of dividend

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Lockheed merger: Lockheed Mar-

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Grumman to create a \$37 billion

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#### Grosvenor sell-off: Granada is uncourse record with a first round of derstood to be close to selling its 65 in the Irish Open at Druids Grosvenor House Hotel for £350 Glen, moving him closer to a place million to Ritz-Carlton ...... Page 25

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Test at Old Trafford. Steve Waugh

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olds in the women's singles semi-

finals at Wimbledon ......Page 45

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in the Ryder Cup for the first . Page 42 Markets: The FTSE 100 surged a further 80.3 points to a new high of 4831.7. The pound gained 5.4 pfennigs to DM2.9451 and rose 3.3 cents

Rugby union: Mike Catt will play at stand-off half for the British Isles in the final international against South Africa in place of the injured Gregor Townsend .... ... Page 46

#### Acting up: The loss this week of both Robert Mitchum and James Stewart prompts Benedict Nightingale to ponder the differing demands of stage and screen on

AFTS

Chris Patten's daughters Alice, left, Laura and Kate disembark from the Royal Yacht Britannia in Manila yesterday. Page 16

Scream 'n' dance: It was no accident that Primal Scream played their Glastonbury set in the Dance Tent; the new album is firmly back to dance/rock fusion......Page 34

Women's world: The pop charts are dominated by a new breed of angry young women singer-songwriters led by the likes of Meredith ....Page 35 Brooks..

Madam's butterflies: The Royal Ballet School's golden jubilee gala which is dedicated to "Madam". Dame Ninette de Valois, has a stage full of insects ....

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Preview: Are they unmissable or unwatchable? The young New Yorkers are back. Friends (Channel 4, 9pm). Review: Matthew Bond cannot warm to Dr Sam .... Pages 46. 47

#### OPINON . The Downey verdict

Had the report on the "cash for questions" scandal been published before the general election the Conservatives might have suffered an electoral catastrophe rather than a mere disaster .... .....Page 21

#### Making work pay

The principle that employment should be maximised - and employed people excluded as far as possible from the benefits bureaucracy - is both right and fundamental to reform ....

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Spectating: As the affair Aitken is

aired again in The Spectator, Val-

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Learning: Universities could have a

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Short by a head: Schools are find-

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John Rae explains why.....Page 39

THE PAPERS

Economic experts in Berlin are rec-

ommending a more relaxed mone-

tary policy to create jobs. It would

be better if the Government did not

listen to such advice. The economic

recovery is weak, investors are

being scared off by the highest

labour costs in the world, by the

longest holidays, by a complicated

tax system with high rates and

social benefits that are climbing

ever upwards. The state has driven

up its debts massively - without

making any lasting impact on eco-

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nomic growth

Dearing inquiry .....

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While few may choose to wander the flanks of an erupting volcano. seen from afar the spectacle has an undeniable grandeur ...... Page 21

#### COLDWINS

#### **MATTHEW PARRIS**

It matters less that the law is fair. than that people know what the law is: that it will not change with the weather. The benign effects of simply leaving the furniture of the State where it is, so that citizens learn how to manoeuvre without stubbing their toes, can hardly be ... Page 20 overstated .....

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William Hague is not Just William. His reply to the Budget was too damned goody-goody ...... Page 20 JOHN LLOYD

Gordon Brown has redefined socialism's pursuit of equality to mean as much equality as possible in the pursuit of work ..... Page 20 PETER RIDDELL

#### While Parliament cannot take specific sanctions against the non-MPs criticised in Sir Gordon Downey's report, those accused should withdraw from public life \_\_\_\_\_ Page II

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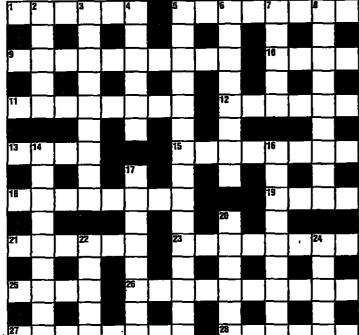
Wimbledon in quick succession as thousands of fans failed to

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momentous day for men's tennis since 1961. When Henman's

match started the 11.400 capacity court was only two-thirds full

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- 5 Socialist moved to the centre? (4-
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23 Ruler holding nothing against region (8). 25 Almost a month's supply of

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Winds will be light.

London, SE England, E Anglia, Central S England, E Midlands, E England, W Midlands, Channel Isles, Central N England, NE England: mostly cloudy but with a few sunnier breaks. Widespread showers. Max 68F (20C).

SW England, S Wales, N Wales, NW England, Lake District: rather cloudy with a few sunny breaks and scattered showers. Max 66F (19C).

Isle of Man, SW Scotland. Winds will be light.

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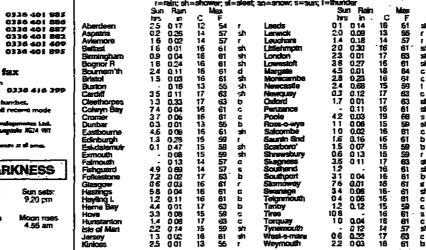
☐ Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Central Highlands, Moray Firth: a lot of cloud giving isolated showers. Some sunny spells later. Max 63F (17C). ☐ NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland

mostly cloudy and damp with occasional light rain and drizzle. Perhaps drier later. Max 59F (15C).

NW Scotland: mostly cloudy but dry. Max 61F (16C). N Ireland: dry with some sunny spells in the East. Max 66F (19C).

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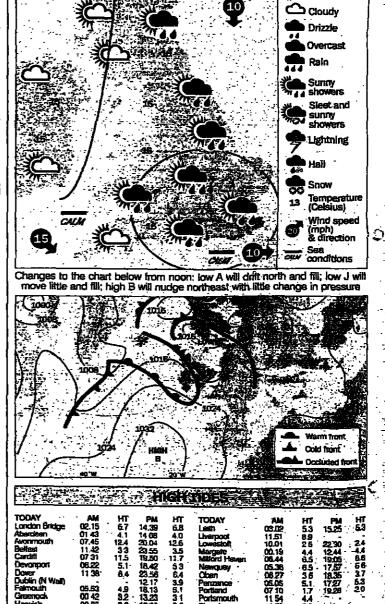
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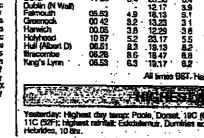
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### Lockheed menaces Europe with big merger

By Ouver August

LOCKHEED MARTIN, the world's biggest defence group, is merging with Northrop Grumman one of its main US rivals. The \$11.6 billion deal completes the consolidation of the US aerospace industry and poses a serious commercial threat to European manufacturers. including British Aerospace

The deal was triggered by the \$13 billion merger of Boeing and McDonnell Douglas, which is currently being investigated by the European Commission. A spokeman for Karel van Miert, the Competi-Lockheed investigation being considered.

Combining Lockheed and Northrop will create a group with annual sales of \$37 billion and a global workforce of 230,000. Both companies said that they did not expect anti-trust objections.

Norman Augustine, the Lockheed chairman, ap-proached Northrop Grumman a few months ago. He said: "Lockheed Martin and, Northrop Grumman have been leaders in consolidating the aerospace industry, and we are now taking the next logical step in combining to-gether to shape the future."

Kent Kresa, the Northrop chairman, will serve as vicechairman of the new Lockheed

A BAe spokesman said: This merger serves to remind the Europeans that we have to move forward. We would like to move faster, but we cannot copy these sort of moves."

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BAe will be less than half the size of the new US giant, whose economies of scale will help it to outbid European competition.

Lockheed Martin was formed in 1995 by the merger of the former Lockheed Corporation and Martin Marietta. giving it annual sales of \$27 billion. Northrop Grumman was formed by the union of Northrop and Grumman in 1994. Last year it had sales of \$8 billion.

The entire US defence and aeropace industry is now dom-inated by only three com-panies. Lockheed and Boeing split the aircraft market between them, and Raytheon is the main electronics specialist. Northrop had been fourth-

This latest merger will form the last part of the legacy of the so-called Last Supper. The heads of the big US aerospace and defence companies were invited to dinner in the White House in 1993 to be told that there were too many of them. None of the mega-mergers that followed were blocked. The Boeing-McDonnell merger was approved by the US Government on Tuesday.

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Shape for the future: Norman Augustine said Lockheed and Northrop Grumman were taking a logical step towards consolidating the industry

# Employers face £75bn pension fund bill

By Paul Durman and Caroline Merrell

THE pension fund industry is claiming employers will have to find an additional £75 billion over the next ten years to meet the cost of the Budget's changes to the taxation of dividend income.

While the Treasury continued to insist that existing surpluses would lessen the impact pension experts were in turmoil, producing widely varying assessments of the reduction in investment returns, the increased cost to pension schemes and the numerous knock-on effects. Yet to the astonishment of some actuaries, the stock market soared to a new peak of 4831.7.

80.3 points up on the day.

Peter Murray, chairman of the National Association of Pension Funds, said the Treasury's estimate of an annual cost of £2.5 billion covered the cost of higher future pension contributions only. Another £45 billion would have to be put into schemes to meet existing liabilities. Spread over ten years, and with £5 billion added for interest costs,

this gives the NAPF its total of £75 billion. A different approach taken by Andrew Wilson, partner at Watson Wyatt, the pension consultants, suggested that £70 billion had been wiped off the value of UK pension funds. The industry has about £600 billion of investments, roughly half of them in UK shares. Some pension scheme

advisers said employers would stop offering guaran-teed pensions under final salary schemes, and will instead offer less secure schemes that require employees to bear the: investment risk. Johnstone Douglas, the benefit consul-tants, said the move represented "the final nail in the coffin" for final salary schemes.

Legal & General said one

THE POUND yesterday hit

new highs on the foreign

exchanges, bringing further

misery for Britain's exporters.
The pound climbed about

two pfennigs against the

mark, clearing the old ERM central parity of DM2.95, to close at a six-year high of

DM2.9650. It also rose more

Analysts said manufactur-

ing and engineering shares

were facing 2-3 per cent down-

grades as the pound continued

its rise, threatening export

profits. Exporters expressed concern at the Chancellor's

decision not to target consum-

ers with higher taxes to take

the pressure off interest rates.

than a cent to close at \$1.6887,

close to the year's high.

large scheme, with a £250 million surplus, had immediately decided to close its final salary scheme to new members. The Chancellor's change has wiped out the surplus, giving it a £30 million deficit.

The loss of the 20 per cent tax credit on dividends will also increase the cost of clearing up the personal pension mis-selling scandal. Andrew

Exporters under pressure

as pound hits six-year high

By Alasdair Murray and Fraser Nelson

tor at EMI Group, said: "Most

of our business is outside the

UK, so we would rather have

seen a Budget that brought the strength of sterling more

under control. He has taken

too much from industry and

from business and not from

Economists expect the Bank

of England to raise rates by at

least a quarter-point next

week. Some have predicted that rates will rise to 8 per

cent, a view encouraged by the

latest economic data, which

showed services and high

street sales rising strongly. But Bronwyn Curtis, UK econ-

omist at Nomura, the broker,

said: "The initial market reac-

consumer expenditure."

Simon Duffy, finance direc-

Black, marketing manager of Standard Life, the insurer, said the cost of reinstating victims in company pension schemes would rise by up to 10 Other insurers expect the

changes to add to the estimated £4 billion cost of sorting out the mess, which embraces about 500,000 personal pension policyholders. The Secu-

tion to the Budget has been too

pessimistic. The Bank's dissat-

isfaction with recent sterling

strength will make them reluc-

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The Bank of England broke

with a tradition of Budget

neutrality on Wednesday to

issue a statement welcoming

the Budget and especially the

planned improvement in gov-

ernment finances. It hinted

that it may pursue a less

aggressive interest rate policy

because the Budget had pro-vided help in dealing with the

problem of the high pound,

although it did not solve the Bank's dilemma.

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quarter point in one hit. "

vestment returns. Mr Black said policyholders who are 20 years from retirement face a 15 per cent drop in the pension they can expect. Younger investors 40 years from retirement may lose a quarter of their pension. Estimates of the fall in

rities and Investments Board,

the senior financial regulator.

is seeking actuarial advice, but

suggested the tax change

should not seriously affect or

Those who have already

received compensation via a

payment into their personal

pension plans will suffer because of a fall in future

further delay compensation.

investment returns ranged from 1 per cent a year from Legal & General, to perhaps as little as 0.25 per cent, according to Mike Wadsworth, another Watson Wyatt partner. Although pension investors face a 20 per cent loss in income from UK shares. money in overseas investments, government bonds and property will not be affected. The dividend credit loss will be partly offset by the Chancellor's two-point cut in corpora-

Public sector pension schemes, such as those for the Civil Service and local authorities, will also be hit. The funding shortfall will have to be met by the taxpayer.

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million, with the Great Room alone

the Grosvenor House off the market

and start a £30 million refurbish-

ment of its own. Ironically, it is this

action that appears to have flushed

substantial hotel interests in the

Middle East and is known to be a

regular user of the Grosvenor House,

which is situated close to the Qatar

Embassy in South Audley Street.

Ritz-Carlton, meanwhile, has long

been seeking a hotel in London, and a

tie-up with wealthy Middle Eastern

investors would be a logical move.

The Althani family already has

requiring at least £15 million. Granada's response was to take

out fresh interest

### Mirror to unveil bid for Midland titles

By Eric Reguly

MIRROR GROUP, publisher of The Mirror, Daily Record and The Sporting Life, is expected to reveal this morning a £285 million agreed bid for Midland Independent Newspapers (MIN). The move will mark Mirror's first foray

into regional newspapers south of the Scottish border, MIN is Britain's sixth-largest regional newspaper group by circulation. Its biggest titles are The Birmingham Post and Evening Mail, and the Coventry Evening Telegraph and

Sunday Mercury. Mirror Group's offer is expected to be pitched at about 210p a share, compared with MIN's price of 149p on the day before the companies were forced to admit that takeover negotiations were under way, MIN is also expected to reveal that its forecast for this year's pre-tax profits is as much as £25 million.

MIN shares closed yesterday at 188½p, up lp, after an 8p rise on Wednesday. The company was floated in 1994 at 140p and rarely rose above that price until the Mirror Group's intentions were made

Mirror Group shares have gone in the opposite direction on investors' fears that the deal does not make economic sense. Newsquest, the American-backed company that beat control of Westminster Press, has valued MIN at only about 165p a share. It has stated that

it will not launch a rival bid. MIN's operations do not appear to leave much room for cost cutting. Its operating margins, at about 20 per cent, are among the industry's highest. Directors of MIN, led by

Chris Oakley, chief executive, will not get rich if the deal goes through. They own less than I per cent of the equity.

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STOCK MARKET INDICES

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#### Double

BAA has launched a \$674 million bid for Duty Free International, the quoted American tax-free retailer. It will double the size of BAA's duty-free operation, creating the world's second-largest duty-free retailer, with sales exceeding \$1 billion.

Bills cut

Electricity bills could fall by £27 next year because of fresh price controls being considered by the industry regulator ahead of the introduction of a competitive market. Page 31

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# Granada in talks over £350m Grosvenor sale

By DOMINIC WALSH

GRANADA is in negotiations to sell the landmark Grosvenor House Hotel on Park Lane in London for more than £350 million, just five months after it said it was taking the five star property off the market. .

Company insiders say an international hotel group, thought to be Ritz-Carlton, the US luxury hotel operator controlled by Marriott, is conducting due diligence on the hotel and that a deal is "definitely on the cards".

Ritz-Carlton manages rather than owns hotels, and there were suggestions last night that the money behind the deal is linked to the kingdom of Qatar's ruling Althani

453-bedroom Grosvenor House, which also houses the capital's premier banqueting suite and 142 serviced apartments, formed part of the 17-strong Exclusive Hotels chain put up for sale by Granada last year in the wake of its £3.9 billion







Renewed interest in Grosvenor House Hotel could see Gerry Robinson, right, close a £350 million sale

takeover of Forte, the hotel and restaurant empire. Famous names such as the George-V in Paris and London's Hyde Park Hotel have sold for well above book value, but Granada hit a brick wall with the Grosvenor House, Although it has a

book value of £302 million, it was valued at £375 million by Christie & Co as part of Forte's bid defence, and Gerry Robinson, Granada chairman, is thought to have put its asking price close to the Christie figure. In the initial sale process potential

buyers appeared to be put off by the level of investment required to revive what has become a somewhat tired hotel. Although it is forecast to make almost £30 million this year, industry experts estimate the likely cost of refurbishment at £60 million to £100

Granada, which has eight other Exclusives and 13 Heritage hotels up for sale, as well its 68 per cent stake in the Savoy Group, declined to comment. However, a source close to the company admitted that since February's announcement there had been a revival of interest and a sale at the right price remains a possibility.

### Pledges on borrowing will require big cuts, says think-tank

# Brown warned on public spending

ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

GORDON BROWN will need to make big cuts in public spending over the next few years to meet his commitments to reduce public borrowing, the Institute for Fiscal

Studies said yesterday. The independent economic think-tank said that Mr Brown's projections for a sub-stantial fall in the public sector borrowing requirement over the next few years relied as much on real falls in government spending as on

announced on Wednesday. The Government has committed itself for the next two years to meeting spending fargets set by Kenneth Clarke. Mr Brown has said he will spell out der of this Parliament when a spending review is completed.

The "white book" published by the Treasury yesterday provided three possible spending patterns for 1998-99. The IFS said that even the pattern of fastest spending growth, at 2.5 per cent a year, implied

THE Treasury has begun con-

sultation with fund managers,

banks and building societies

over the new Individual Sav-

ings Account (ISA) to be intro-

duced in two years' time (Marianne Curphey writes).

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All existing providers of tax-

income by 2001-02, compared with 41 per cent last year. In real terms, the Treasury

equity plans (Peps) — have been invited to take part in the

The Treasury plans to pub-

lish a paper in December

which will outline the Gov-

ernment's thinking on the

new ISA. The financial ser-

vices industry will then be

asked for further comments. The Government yesterday

consultation process.

year under the Conservatives. Under the Treasury's projectforecast indicated even tighter ed spending patterns, the Govpublic spending growth ernment would have between £14.9 billion and £31.2 billion because it has increased the less to spend in the last year of this Parliament than if it gross domestic product dellator - a measure of inflation.

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John Hall, of the IFS, said: These cuts cannot conceivably be achieved without a the role of the State."

The Treasury forecasts that the PSBR will fall to £13.3

Treasury in talks over savings vehicle

the future of these mortgages

if Peps are replaced long term by ISAs is "a problem that

will have to be addressed". A new central computer system will be created to police the ISA and prevent people from taking out numerous Peps and Tessas from

The IFS backed Mr Brown's claims that the windfall tax would not hit employment, prices or the quality of service in the utility sector. The institute argued that, because the windfall tax is a one-off tax on past performance, it should have little bearing on utility companies' future plans. The burden for individual companies was also of insufficient size to force banks to raise the cost of borrowing to cover any

perceived increase in risk. The IFS also said that the threat of companies taking legal action against the tax had receded. Lucy Chennels, of the IFS, said: "Legal cases seem unlikely now that BT, which probably had the best case, is paying less than expected."

**Business** 

as usual

for HK

traders

From A Correspondent

IT WAS business as usual when the Hong Kong stock

exchange reopened yesterday after a three-day China

A lone Chinese flag on one

trader's work station and a

complete absence of Union

Flags were the only clue that

things were not as they were

last Friday when the exchange

was last open. There was no

speech, no ceremony, no

cheer; just the routine opening bell when the clock ticked to

Mam to announce that Hong

Kong's favourite pastime,

making and losing money,

With financiers around the

world watching closely to see

how Hong Kong would fare

under the one country, two

systems formula for reunifica-

rule, rose more than I per cent at

the start of trading. But then it

succumbed to profit-taking and

closed down 141.05 at 15,055.74.

Edwin Cheung, a senior sales manager at Taiwan Se-

curities, said: "Handover fever

is coming to an end and

investors are taking a break in

the short run before taking

Hong Kong's economy has

risen almost 6 per cent a year

over the past decade and

nearly all economists expect

the rise to continue, with the

switch to Chinese rule not, in

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# BUSINESS ROUNDUP

### Group 2000 threat to Sunday paper

URGENT talks were taking place last night to try to ensure the publication of this week's edition of Sunday Business, the national newspaper, after the collapse of Group 2000, which owns a controlling stake in the title. Edward Klempka, a partner at Coopers & Lybrand in Leeds, was appointed receiver to Group 2000 earlier this week. He said that the company, which was founded by Gordon Brown, a Leeds businessman, had a multimillion-pound deficit and owed the Government more than £1 million in unpaid National

The newspaper was launched in April 1996 by a team led by Tom Rubython, its first editor. Group 2000 bought control of Sunday Business after the original companies formed to run the title were placed in administration last summer. Among the investors now backing Sunday Business are Luke Johnson, the entrepreneur behind the expansion of Pizza Express.

#### Railtrack targets sought

RAILTRACK came under fresh pressure to set new investment targets as it announced results showing reduced delays to passenger services — a 30 per cent reduction in "minutes delays" due to maintenance and renewal. The rail regulator reacted by insisting that the next set of statistics must be published against a background of clearly defined objectives. Although Railtrack has pledged to spend £)6 billion to improve services over the next ten years. John Swift, the regulator, has demanded a more specific timetable of investments.

#### Haskins heads task force

CHRISTOPHER HASKINS, a long-time Labour supporter and chairman of Northern Foods, is to head the Government's Task Force on Better Regulation, the successor body to the Conservatives' Deregulation Unit. The task force will soon appoint a panel of 12 to 15 members who will look at regulation in Government departments, corporate governance, the environment and the regulatory powers of local government. There is no connection with the DTI inquiry into will like regulatory.

#### **Break for Leeds**

BREAK FOR THE BORDER, the themed restaurant and event catering group based in London, has secured a site in Leeds as part of a plan to expand in major towns throughout the United Kingdom. The new Break for the Border outlet is scheduled to open next year. The news came as the company announced pre-tax profits up from £1.1 million to £1.8 million in the year to March 31, on turnover up by almost a third to £24.7 million. A final dividend of 1.2p, due on 25 September, makes a total of 1.8p for the year.

#### **S&N** buys Thistle Inns

SCOTTISH & NEWCASTLE, which on Monday unveiled a 21 per cent rise in annual profits, has acquired Thistle Inns, a 17-strong chain of pubs located in Scotland. Industry sources estimated the likely sale price at around £20 million, reflecting the quality of the estate. The deal includes some of Edinburgh's best-known pubs, including the Jekyll & Hyde in Hanover Street and the Malt Shovel in Cockburn Street, as well as the Links Hotel in St Andrews, S&N's retail division now totals 247 pubs in Scotland.

#### Talks boost Borthwicks

SHARES in Borthwicks, the food group, rose 10p to 38p yesterday after the group revealed that a number of companies had expressed an interest in it and that it was in talks that could lead to an offer for the company. At yesterday's share price Borthwicks is valued at £22 million. In the year to March 31 it had sales of £32 million and made a pre-tax profit of £1.465 million. The company said trading in the first quarter of this year had been satisfactory and was comfortably ahead of the same quarter last year.

#### One-2-One expands

ONE-2-ONE, the smallest of the four mobile phone groups, said it added 80,000 new customers in the second quarter. more than Vodasone and Cellnet, the two largest operators, but behind Orange, the industry's newest player. One-2-One—half owned by Cable & Wireless—now has 700,000 customers, raising its market share to 9.5 per cent (7.2 per cent). Orange gained 86,000 customers in the quarter, compared to Cellner's 74,000 and Vodafone's 53,000. One-2-One attributes the increase to its growing network and the recent cuts in some tariffs.

#### **Bell Lines rescue fails**

BELL LINES, the freight company based in the Irish Republic, is to be wound up with the loss of 600 jobs after the failure of a court-appointed examiner to secure agreement on a rescue package. Bell is believed to have debts of more than IrE25 million. It currently employs 140 people in the Irish Republic, 200 in Britain and 260 in The Netherlands and France. It is feared that several small British and Irish haulage companies, thought to be owed £17 million by Bell, will be forced out of business.

#### Eurotunnel appeal

ADACTE, an organisation in Paris that represents small shareholders in Eurotunnel, has appealed to a French court against a ruling that the banks would not have to make a bid for the company, which operates the Channel Tunnel, if the £4.4 billion refinancing goes through at next week's shareholders' meeting. The deal would give the company's bankers 45.5 per cent of Eurotunnel's equity, but, under French law, they would not be able to vote these shares on any matter that affected the value of the company's debts.

# Ministers spell out payments and penalties for New Deal

By PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

day gave first details of the funding available to employers and other organisations taking on young people under the New Deal programme at the centre of Welfare to Work

As well as the £60 a week for each young person, plus a £750 lump sum for training, which will be offered to private sector employers sters a job, grants of £3,200 per person for six months, or £6,500 for a full year, will be available to environmen-tal and voluntary organisations that take on voungsters under the two other work options.

Further education colleges and training establishunder the fourth option will have funding of £2,300 per

Ministers expect that about 40 per cent of the New Deal option places to be private sector jobs, and Andrew Smith, the Employment Minister, said that the Government would now be promoting the scheme with business, following the initial favourable reaction

from business leaders. David Blunkett, the Employment and Education

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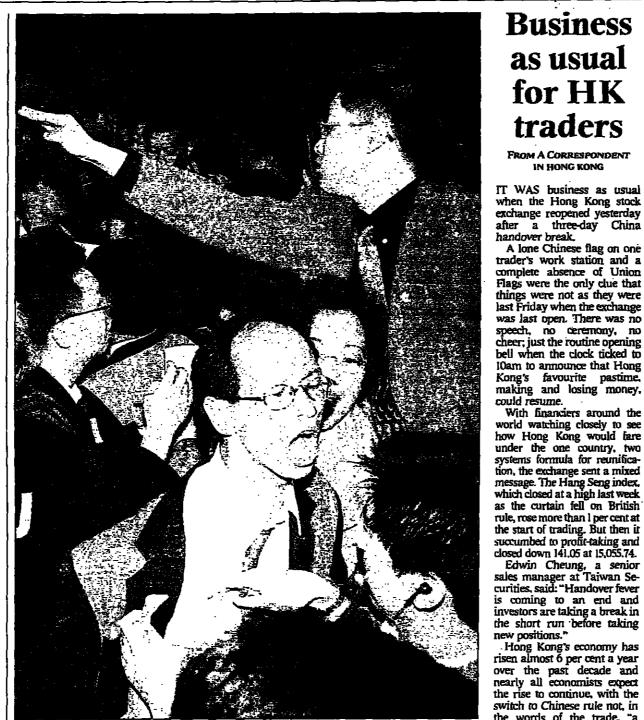
Secretary, said that young people aged between 18 and 25 who have been out of work for six months will be approached by the Government's Employment Service, and they will be required to take part in a preliminary "Gareway" programme to establish what skills, if any, each has.

They will then be assigned to one of four options - a job with a private sector employer, work with a voluntary organisation, or with the Government's planned environmental task force, or full-time education and training.

If youngsters then refuse, without good cause, a place under one of the options, they will lose their current jobseeker's allowance benefit payment, initially for a formight.

If they refuse to take up one of the options again, they will lose their jobseeker's allow ance payment for a month. They will then be asked each month whether they will take up an option place, and if they refuse, their jobseeker's allowance payment will be

withheld Weekly jobseeker's allowance payments for young people in this age group at the moment are £38.90 for a single person, rising to £77.15 for a couple and £93.80 for a couple with one child under the age of



gave a pledge that it would honour all existing five-year

Tessa contracts and said hold-

ers of Peps and Tessas would

be allowed to switch their

Many people have been persuaded to pay off loans on their homes by taking out Pep

mortgages, and a Treasury

accounts into the new ISA.

The first trading session after handover starts at the Hong Kong futures exchange

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### Battle for Lloyd's post to rumble on

By Adam Jones

THE nomination of Max Taylor as chairman of Lloyd's of London could face an unprecedented challenge at the soci-

ety's elections in the autumn. The Council of Lloyd's chose the Willis Corroon broker to replace Sir David Rowland on Wednesday. The decision has angered some providers of corporate capital who were backing Jonathan Agnew. chairman of the largest investment vehicle at Lloyd's.

Mr Taylor has to be elected to the Council of Lloyd's in the autumn before he can take up the post. Mr Agnew is already a member of the society's ruling body, but the possibility

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of a "stalking horse" being put up against Mr Taylor was eing floated yesterday.

Although Mr Agnew was thought to be favourite for the post. Mr Taylor was seen by many as the more charismatic candidate. His broking background sits more easily with the drive to become more customer-focused. One senior Lloyd's figure said: "At last somebody might be thinking of the customers."

Another vocal supporter of traditional names claimed corporate capital would not have enough voting influence to upset the nomination.

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#### **BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND NOTICE OF LOCAL INQUIRY**

NOTICE is given today, 4 July 1997, that a local inquiry is to be held by the Boundary Commission for England into their provisional recommendations, made under the European Parliamentary Elections Act 1978 (as amended), for the European Parliamentary constituencies listed below. The inquiry will be conducted by the Assistant Commissioner. Mr Colin Reese QC and has been arranged to replace that originally scheduled to take place in Taunton on 24 June 1997 and Southampton on 2 July 1997. The Commission wish to apologise for any inconvenience caused by the cancellation of the original inquiry.

The inquiry will open on MONDAY 21 JULY 1997 at 10.30am in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, SHIRE HALL, TAUNTON to discuss the provisional recommendations for the Bristol (No.46), Wiltshire North and Bath (No.47), Somerset and North Devon (No.53), Cornwall and West Plymouth (No.59), Devon and East Plymouth (No.60) and Dorset and East Devon (No.61) EPCs. Please note that the representations relating to the County of Cornwall will be the first issue to be considered on the first day of this part of

The inquiry will continue on MONDAY 28 JULY 1997 at 10.36am in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE, SOUTHAMPTON to discuss the provisional recommendations for the Wiltshire North and Bath (No.47), Hampshire North and Oxford (No.48), Itchen, Test and Avon (No.54), Wight and Hampshire South (No.55), South Downs West (No.56) and Dorset and East Devon (No.61) EPCs.

Interested parties who wish to make representations concerning the Wiltshire North and Bath (No.47) and Dorset and East Devon (No.61) EPCs are advised to attend both venues.

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ever before has a Chan-cellor produced a Budget to meet with such a surge of approval from the markets. Investors clambered aboard the biggest ever post-Budget day raily and sterling soared, as sober reflection and the in-evitable carping failed to quell enthusiasm for Mr Brown's

The irony is that the powering pound is as distasteful to the Chancellor as it is to those manufacturers that strive to compete internationally, but while other currencies look so unstable, sterling will continue to win friends.

Exporters have little choice but to learn to live with a strong pound, and those pressure groups that purport to represent them would be better employed advising on how this can be done than on calling on the Government for measures to make the British economy look less attractive.

For some companies - British Steel lumbers into mind — the challenge is undeniably tough. But most of our manufacturing companies have long given up the thankless battle of trying to sell basic products into world markets on price alone.

Clever currency hedging may provide temporary help, but, as some former finance directors ures. British companies have to can testify, such moves do not risk those failures and experisome former finance directors

# Learn to love a strong currency

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as they were supposed to do.

The added value of innovation and ingenuity will have to be what wins sales for Britain. The words slip easily off an imported keyboard and are harder to translate into the tough reality of industry, but it can be done.

Pharmaceutical companies know that success depends on finding not just one but a series of new products that the world wants to buy. Zantac alone would not have guaranteed Glaxo Wellcome a future, for when the patent comes off. generic competitors can fight on the dangerous ground of price. Courtaulds would be heading

for disaster if it relied on viscose coming back into fashion. In-stead, it has invested hugely in developing Tencel, a fabric for which international markets are, apparently, acquiring something of a fetish, allowing the company to charge a price as smoothly comforting as the silky fabric

For every such success, there are numerous embarrassing fail-



ment more. That may mean risking the wrath of the short-term investors in layour of the long-term health of the company. But just think, if companies had been daring to look beyond the next set of results, would so many now be facing horrendous bills for coping with the dawning of the year 2000?

#### The pound in your pension fund

hatever he did for the markets, Mr Brown failed to perform a good PR job for pensions.
Back in 1967, Harold Wilson

notoriously assured television viewers, in a prime ministerial broadcast, that the devaluation of sterling did not mean that the "pound in your pocket or purse" had been devalued. He was not lying, though he was being

economical with the truth.
Yesterday, Mr Brown told savers that "there is no need for anyone's pension to be affected" by ending relief from dividend tax and tax credits on dividends. Any idea that people would have to increase contributions to compensate is, the Chancellor in-sisted, "nonsense". Mr Brown was probably not lying either, but if not, he is plainly more of an optimist than we thought.

Perhaps he does not realise how suspicious ordinary people have become about private pensions. After the Maxwell affair and the worrying publicity over mis-selling of personal pension plans in the early 1990s, people were already unsure whether it was wise to salt money away for so long on promises that might not be fulfilled. And those most unsure are those of modest means

for whom any pension contribution requires sacrifices in current consumption. They now have more to be anxious about.

The Chancellor plainly thinks that all pension funds are traditional occupational schemes in which an employer guarantees to finance pensions proportional to retiring employees pay. His advisers, who know all about economic models but little about the realities of business life, told him these funds could afford a hit because their investment funds were rolling in surpluses.

There are such schemes. There are others where employers will meet their guarantee by contributing more. But 12 million people will depend on pensions that reflect only the returns on their investments: rising dividends and the rising asset values these justify. Part of their return will now go to the Treasury. So

their pensions will be lower unless they put in more money each month. And there will shortly be more of them. Yesterday, another big company closed its final salary scheme and shifted future employees into a money-purchase arrangement. Many more will now follow.

#### A chance to pool resources

Tow that he has failed to sell Littlewoods stores and had his efforts to buy Freemans put on hold by the Monopolies Commission, perhaps James Ross will turn his restructuring energies towards the pools side of the business.

The pools currently feature in his definition of what is core to the Liverpool-based organisation. The stores, although he is now hanging onto them, are, apparently, not core, a status which must do wonders for morale within the business.

Morale can hardly be in top form over at the pools operation either. There had been hopes up on Merseyside that the Budget

might have included the odd nugget of compensation for the way the business has been decimated by the National Lottery, but, as lottery players rather than operators know only too well, there was no such luck.

Littlewoods, like its rival Vernons, part of the Ladbroke Group, has seen its turnover cut by more than 60 per cent since the advent of the Lottery. It would make sense for the two to seek salvation together rather than to go on competing. Given the monopoly position of the National Lottery, it might be hard for Mrs Beckett to veto a merger as being anti-compet-itive. The two have sniffed around each other in the past. With both struggling, this might be the deal that the unfortunate Mr Ross could bring to fruition.

#### Rank bad news

THE consensus is that the consumer boom survived the Budget intact and retailers are looking forward to a bumper July, as the sales draw in customers. But, judging by the Rank share price, at a low for the year, investors do not expect the spending to benefit the leisure group. He has sorted out the long-awaited Xerox deal but Andrew Teare, chief executive, has yet to convince the market that he knows what to do with what he

# BAA offers \$674m for duty-free firm

BAA has launched a \$674 million tender offer for Duty Free International, a quoted American tax-free retailer.

The \$24-per-share offer, worth £406 million, is recommended by DFI's board and will double the size of BAA's duty-free operation, creating the world's second-largest duty-free retailer, with sales exceeding \$1 billion. DFS will remain the world's biggest duty-free retailer.

Sir John Egan, BAA's chief executive, said that development of its World Duty Free business was part of its strategy of becoming the most successful airport company, but he added: There is a defensive quality to this. It will enable us to preserve our margins if we lose duty-free in Europe."

The European Linton in-tends to abolish duty-free sales by 1999 for intra-EU travel. Sir John said that BAA was lobbying to keep the tax con-cession and he noted that

duty-free sales to international travellers were a huge earner for luxury goods manufacturers in Italy, France and the UK. "I believe it will go right to the wire, it is a very popular thing," he said.

BAA shares rose 28p, to 600p, on news of the bid and relief that BAA had not suffered badly from the windfall tax announced on Wednesday. Sir John said the company expected the bill to be between £70 million and £95 million. DFI operates 175 stores in the

United States, with outlets in 14 international airports, including JFK and La Guardia in New York, as well as Chicago, Boston and Denver. More than half of DFI profits come from shops on the Mexican and Canadian borders and the company also runs in-flight duty-free shopping for several

US airlines, including Delta, United and Continental.

DFI made pre-tax profits of \$34 million last year, on sales of \$570 million. Sir John said that cost savings would be possible from combining the purchasing strength of both operations, pointing out that I per cent of the combined turnover could mean \$10 million to the bottom line. However, he emphasised that BAA intended to grow the DFI business by gaining access to other US airports and extending the inflight and border-crossing operations to Europe.

BAA intends to pay for DFI from existing resources and said that it did not expect the deal to cause any material dilution of earnings. Gearing is expected to rise to 60 per cent after the takeover and payment of the windfall tax.

### **Mackie investors** back rights issue by new regime

MACKIE International, the troubled Belfast engineering company, yesterday persuaded shareholders to back its £5.25 million rights issue, despite calls for a Department of Trade and Industry inquiry into the group.

Paul Dougan, executive chairman, and Shaun Harte, finance director, resigned from the company last month when it announced that the 1996 annual results had to be clarified. They orginally showed pre-tax profits falling from E3.3 million to a pre-tax loss of £400,000, but now this loss has been deepened to £7.2 million.

Most of the extra losses have come from provisions covering Mackie's investment in and contracts with Uniware, a Belgian company. Many of the deals booked with Uniware have not materialised. Shareholders are angry about

what had been said by Mackie in the past regarding Uniware and that the prospectus issued when the company floated in 1994 did not detail Mr Harte's previous role as a director of the DeLorean Motor Com-

pany, which controversially

collapsed in the late-1970s. Sul Sahota, the new chief executive, said: "The rights issue is designed to put Mackie on a sound financial footing. I am pleased that shareholders have supported the board's proposals to secure the future of the company."

Shareholders have now thrown their weight behind the new management plans which should see Mackie shares relisted today. Brian Philips, chairman of

the Mackie works committee, said: "We are in full support of the direction of the company under the new management."

#### B&W \$30m share of settlement

By Jason Nissé

BROWN & WILLIAMSON, the US tobacco arm of BAT Industries, is to pay \$30 million this month as part of the settlement of a legal action brought against cigarette makers by the state of Mississippi.

The payment is B&W's share of the \$170 million deal to settle actions brought by the state, which wants contributions to its bills under Medicaid, the US medical help system. This payment has to be made by July 15 and will be followed by further payments starting next year. However a spokesman for

BAT said that it was expected that the deal would be taken account of in the \$368 billion global settlement of all US state tobacco claims which was agreed with the Clinton Administration last

### **Prism Rail aims** to start payouts as revenue rises

By ERIC REGULY

PRISM RAIL, one of the largest of the newly privatised train companies, is growing at 9 per cent so far this year and plans to pay its first dividend in December.

The company, whose services include the South Wales and West Railway and the London Tilbury Southend line, said that revenue growth has been strong because of promotions and innovations. For example, the TLS service, known as the "misery line" for years, has put security guards on trains, which has brought the double benefit of increasing safety and reducing the number of fare

dodgers. Prism's passenger revenue grew by 7.5 per cent last year. Growth has since accelerated to 9 per cent.

For the 14 months to March 31, the company reported a

items of £5.5 million. Before exceptional items, including a £10.2 million cost to improve efficiencies and pay for redun-dancies in its four trainoperating companies, the pretax profit was £6.9 million. Prism has shed about 300 ofits 3,900 staff.

Bob Holmes, finance director, said that a capital reconstruction will allow the company to pay a debut dividend from profits earned since April. Without the reconstruction, dividends from the train-operating companies would have to be devoted to deficit reduction in the parent company.

The shares, which have been listed on the Alternative Investment Market for 14 months, rose by 18½ p, to 298½ p.

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#### RHONE-POULENC INFORMS ITS SHAREHOLDERS

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cash flow; the increase in equity;

the capital raised by listing the new company;

the divestiture of non-strategic assets.

 Rhône-Poulenc's objective remains to increase its earnings per share by 20% in 1997 and 1998, despite a slight dilution in the first two years and excluding exceptional items.

• The Group expects to maintain the 1997 dividend per share at a level at least equal to 1996.

If Rhone-Poulenc's Board of Directors decides to proceed with all or some of these initiatives, appropriate corporate approvals will be requested and required procedures with employee representatives will be observed.

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worldwide and opens up new markets.

Border shops have the attraction of lower

overheads - airports charge high rems to

duty-free operators - and the trend for airlines to shed non-core businesses is an

But the real issue here is volume and

purchasing muscle. While BAA pushes its

way to the forefront of the duty-free market, it

has its eye on consolidation in a much larger

market. The Guinness GrandMet merger is

about the marketing power of huge brand

portfolios; tobacco takeovers are also mooted.

Those retailers who retain their margins in

the face of such combines will be the ones with

not harsh enough to flay the

utilities. The picture of inves-

tors rushing to buy into

companies who are all about

to part with hundreds of

millions may well force the

Government to take a tough-

er line on regulation. Labour

made big political play of its

intention to curb the excesses

of utilities but the City is still

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invitation to retailers.

purchasing power, like BAA.

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EUROPE is not the only worry propelling.

BAA into the US duty-free market. The com-

pany yesterday admitted that the loss of duty-

free privileges within Europe was a crisis for

the business, although Sir John Egan insisted

it also presented an opportunity. Duty Free international makes nothing like the colossal

margins of BAA's own World Duty Free - the

tax take in the UK leaves a much bigger hole

for duty-free retailers to exploit. Finding enough new profit to fill the E80 million that

BAA earns from European tax-free sales

could take some time. However, DFI's profits

are growing in leaps and bounds and the US

business has yet to penetrate airports at Los

Even at this price, the deal looks sensible.

BAA is probably paying some 25 times' DFI's

forecast earnings in the current year but the

Angeles, San Francisco and Miami.

NO MATTER how hard you

push them down, the water

companies keep bobbing

back to the surface like

Only hours after Gordon

Brown had finished giving

them an almighty thump in

his Budget — the valuation

seemed almost designed to punish the water utilities —

the market has once again

given the sector a new lease

In Panglossian mode, the

market seems to think that

this windfall tax is the best of

all possible outcomes; with

the levy out of the way, water

companies will continue to

shed cash as never before.

Hopes for aggressive growth

in dividends are high along

with expectations of a fresh

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Water

A duty to expand

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The Chancellor may have

secured £4.8 billion for the

public purse but his tax was

**BUSINESS AS USUAL** 

FISE WATER

stainable until the year



MICHAEL CLARK

# Shares surge to biggest post-Budget increases

vestors gave the thumbs-up to Gordon Brown's maiden performance as Chancellor and share prices celebrated with their biggest post-Budget

gains yet. They took the view that the bad news and uncertainty overshadowing the market in the run-up to the Budget is now out of the way and took the market by storm. Share prices surged to yet another

all-time high. The FTSE 100 index confounded the experts by staging a 174.8 turn round to end the session 80.3 up at 4,831.7. supported by an opening 100point rise in New York. That stretches its rise of the past three days to 227.1, or 4.9 per cent. To put matters in context, the FTSE 250 was just 3.9 higher at 4,475.2.

By the close of business 1.3 billion shares had changed hands. The market's volatility was compounded by reports of a massive bear squeeze that wrong footed several of the big security houses.

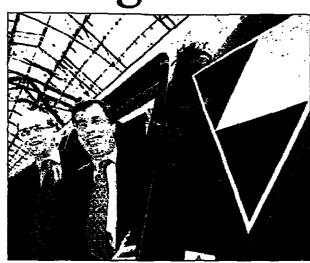
American investors led the charge, seeking out the highyielding utilities and domestic companies with strong earnings growth such as the super markets, banks and oil explorers. Those feeling the cold were manufacturers and overseas exporters hit by the strong pound.

One of the worst hit was ICI. down 35½ p at 813p with a number of brokers considering a move to downgrade their profit forecasts. BZW was reckoned to be thinking of lopping E30 million from its E395 million forecast.

Other companies exposed to the strong pound included TI Group. down 322p to 4792p. GKN, 492 p to 959p, Hanson, 13½ p to 293½ p, Smiths Indus-tries, 25½ p to 750½ p, and Siebe. 312 to 9942p.

Then, there are those companies undermined by the pound's surge to new highs against the mark. British Steel fell 9p to 1414 p. RMC Group. down 37p at 934p, also has extensive interests in Germany as does Redland. 184 p off at 318p. Lucas Varity saw it price fall 5½p to 202½p.

The electricity companies were wanted for their dividend growth potential. National Power surged 3512p to 569 p. PowerGen 41 p to 424 p, Scottish Hydro lop to 250p and Northern Ireland



Giles Fearnley, left, and Bob Holmes saw Prism Rail rise

Electricity 114 p to 430p, while takeover favourite Southern Electric put on 25p at 4612p.

Water companies with strong dividend cover were also chased higher. Anglian Water rose 15p to 724p, Severn Trent 2lp to 860p, South West Water 25p to 776p. Thames Water 2op to 766p. United Utilities 332p to 7222p, Yorkshire 252p to

436 p and Wessex 20 p to

452½ p. The exception was Hyder, down 142p at 809p. Utilities to rise included BT. 22p to 4792 p. Its share of the E4.8 billion windfall bid was E504 million.

The speculators remain convinced that a major takeover is in the offing among the banks, prompying more gains. NatWest rose 292p to 889p with a few hopes still alive that it may merge with Abbey



chains all featured among the biggest 20 movers among the top 100. Tesco led the way with a leap of 32p (8.7 per cent) to 406p with Asda Group rising 94p to 1364p. Safeway 25p to 375 p and J Sainsbury 15½p to 379p.

shares were being sought by foreign investors for lack of exposure to currengains surprised brokers. Tony MacNeary, of Nat-West Securities, said that

of the demand stemmed from the Budget being more consumer friendly than corporate friendly. "There is no great reason for consumers to feel less well off," he said. "We've bred a bunch of happy shoppers. They are going to spend money in

sector, Mr MacNeary notes that Asda trades at a marginal discount and Tesco at a small premium, while Safeway continues to offer the best value, with a 20 per cent discount, and Sainsbury has a full market rating.

National, up 35\p at 897\p. LLoyds TSB was up 29\p at 6752p on claims it might bid for Nationwide Building Society. There were further gains for Barclays, 26½p to £12.39, Royal Bank of Scotland, 19p to 6072p, and Standard Chartered, 342p to 9852p.

Midland Independent Newspapers firmed lp to 188<sup>1</sup>₂ p. Mirror Group, up 25 p at 186p, is poised to offer

200p a share-plus.
Pilkington fell 8p to 1272 p despite the news that Paolo Scaroni, the new chief executive, has spent almost E3 million buying 2.2 million

shares at 129p. GEC stood out with a rise of 26p at 386p. Brokers expressed surprised at the timing of David Newlands departure as finance director

Prism Rail jumped 20p to 300p after producing pre-tax profits of £6.9 million, before exceptionals, for a 14-month period. The group, whose chief executive is Giles Fearnley and finance director Bob Holmes and which operates four rail franchises, including LTS Rail, West Anglia Great Northern, Cardiff Rail-ways and South Wales and South West, was pleased with progress. Godfrey Burley, chairman, said passenger revenues had grown 9 per cent during the first 12 weeks of the

Speculative buying lifted Biocompatibles Internation al 44p higher to £13.85.

GILT-EDGED: There was

a marked flattening of the yield curve as the London market regained some of its composure on the back of firmer European bond markets. Prices across the board rallied from early lows but remained well down on Wednesday's closing levels.

In the futures pit, the September series of the long gilt finished £516 down on the day at Ell41532 after touching £1134 earlier in the session. By the close a total of 135,000 contracts had been completed. In longs, Treasury 8 per cent 2015 ended 1532 down at £1021732, while in shorts Treaie up at Elioie.

■ NEW YORK: Shares on Wall Street moved sharply higher in a session shortened by the run-up to the Independence Day holiday. The Dow Jones industrial average, which stopped trading at 1pm local time, was up 100.43

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### Lockheed

AS EVER, the Americans are doing deals while the Europeans talk. Lockheed Martin, already the world's biggest defence group, has agreed to merge with rival Northrop Grumman. The deal, which will create a behemoth with annual sales of \$37 billion. follows the blockbuster merger of Boeing and Mc-Donnell Douglas and largely completes the industry consolidation game, in America

at least. In Europe, there is still more talk than action as defence orders continue to shrink. British Aerospace and GEC want to kick-start the merger process, but chauvin-Grumman, best known for the \$500 million B-2 Stealth bomber, was itself created by the union of Northrop and Grumman in 1994. Until recently. Northrop Grumman was saying it was big enough

to go it alone. The spate of

recent mergers, however, made the group, as big as it is, look like a niche player in an industry where niche players are doomed.

BAe and GEC cannot wait forever for French and German rivals to come to their senses. Instead they should look westward for partners.

#### Prism Rail

PRISM RAIL, owner of four train operating companies, including the London Tilbury Southend "misery line". was given few chances of survival. The non-believers said the company, a late arrival on the privatisation platform, paid too much for its networks. Later, Save Our Railpredicted that three of the

four Prism franchises were prime insolvency candidates. Perhaps the sceptics spoke too soon. Yesterday, Prism revealed that passenger reve-nues climbed 7.5 per cent in the year to March 31 and

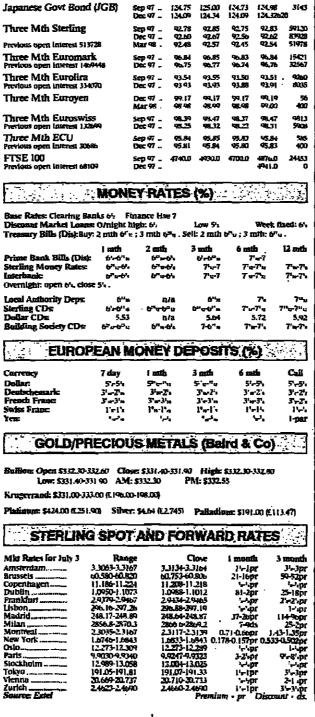
per cent, enough for its franchises to make profits. Costincluding a cutting, continuing redundancy programme that has avoided

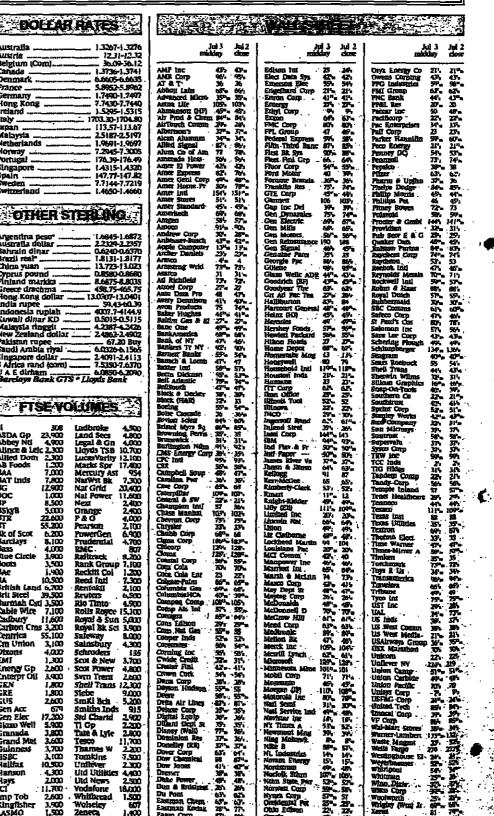
Stagecoach-style reductions, and clever ideas such as putting security guards on trains, which had the double benefit of boosting safety and scaring off fare dodgers, seems to be doing the trick. But the challenges remain

enormous. Passenger fares are regulated and generally do not rise as fast as the rate of inflation, and government subsidy falls over the life of the franchise licences. Making services faster, more reliable and more comfortable are the keys to success. Labour, which has no love affair taxes, excise duties and parking fees can only make train travel more attractive. Prism may never be the sector's brightest star, but the shares

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ECONOMIC VIEW



ANATOLE KALETSKY

# Brown boxes clever but perils lie ahead

ne of the oldest cliches in British political reporting is that Budgets that win instant praise lead to certain disaster. If this is the case, then Gordon Brown's effort on Wednesday should be followed by the ten plagues of Egypt. The media, City and voters were equally ecstatic.

An instant poll by NOP found the public approved of the Budget by a four-to-one margin. Meanwhile, in the City the hubbub of panic buying by bullish investors completely drowned out the bitter lamentations of actuaries, economists and accountancy purists who were first ignored by Mr Brown and then utterly wrongfooted by the markets.

Should the public jubilation be seen as a bad omen? Yes and no. The bad news is that serious perils certainly do lie ahead for the British economy, particularly for manufacturers and exporters. The dangers can be summed up in one sentence: the pound has now broken its old ERM parity of DM2.95. It will soon, I suspect, head much higher, espe-cially since the Lawson experience of 1987-88 has made it unthinkable that Eddie George, of all people, would try to cap the pound "artificial-

This further appreciation of sterling, which almost nobody in the City or industry is prepared for, will trigger large-scale losses and redundancies and inflict serious social hardship across swaths of old Labour's industrial heartland in the Midlands, Scotland and the North. Ex- the 18 per cent rise in the

**HOW MR BROWN SEES THE ECONOMY** DOMESTIC DEMAND, NET TRADE AND GDP Contributions to percentage changes in GDP on previous half year (annualised)

porting companies are in for a pound" and that his "fiscal hard time. In the year ahead rebalancing will help get a they will experience again stable, competitive pound". many of the traumas they This is all humbug and Mr suffered during the ERM per-iod and the Howe-Thatcher Brown knows it, as demonstrated by the economic forerecession of 1980-81. Having casts he published with the handed power at exactly the wrong time to the Bank of The forecasts show that the

England, Mr Brown must Treasury expects the policies now bear direct responsibility announced this week to bear for the exporters' travails. down on investment and ex-Rather unattractively Mr ports, while leaving consump-Brown is trying to wriggle out tion almost untouched. Conof this responsibility. Yester-day, for example, he told a sumer spending is forecast to grow 4.5 per cent this year and 4 per cent in 1998. Meanwhile. press conference that his Budget would help manufacturing export growth is expected to investment and exports, that decline sharply while imports "nobody can be happy with accelerate, despite the fact that export markets will accelerate

The net effect, shown in the left-hand chart, is that the deteriorating trade performance will account for almost the whole of the slowdown in activity that the Treasury expects to see in the next 18 months. Mr Brown's passion for manufacturing investment is also belied by the forecasts. Although the Treasury pub-lishes no detailed investment figures, its analysis is admirably blunt: "The high exchange rate is likely to hit profitability, espcially in the traded goods

sector, and lead some manu-

facturers to postpone invest-

relative to the home market.

turing businesses has been growing strongly and should continue to do so, maintaining the relatively high levels of overall business investment achieved in the Tory years (see

right-hand chart). The Treasury forecasts are likely, if anything, to prove overoptimistic about manufacturing and exports, since the pound will probably move higher and will certainly remain high for longer than the Treasury's mechanistic models of exchange markets suggest. This is extremely regrettable and will do grave damage to the Britsih economy. The narrow question to

as the pool of available land

Mr Balfour-Lyon said: "We

object to the random nature of

the amount." He said develop-

ers can buy land having been

told no provision for social

housing will be required, only

eloper of homes for the

Bournemouth, is strongly op-

local authorities continue to

make on "new-build" projects.

Stone planning consultant,

said one council was now

looking for financial contribu-

tions to cycleways from pro-

spective developers. "Our

residents of sheltered housing

tend not to like bicycles," he

Mr Day said one sheltered

accommodation application would have entailed £100,000

Gary Day, a McCarthy &

sed to some requests that

to be hit subsequently. McCarthy & Stone, the dewhether the Budget has made matters better or worse.

**BUSINESS INVESTMENT - GDP RATIO\*** 

1990 prices, per cent

GDP at constant market prices. Business investment includes investment by public corporations (except National Health Service Trusts) and investment under the

This is where we get to the good news. The Budget could have greatly exacerbated the squeeze on British industry if the Chancellor had followed conventional City wisdom and raised consumer taxes by £3 billion or even £5 billion. Such a squeeze would not have been remotely powerful enough, or quick enough in its effects, to deter the Bank from raising interest rates and thus bringing down sterling. But higher consumer taxes would have hit demand from 1998 onwards, adding to the pressures on British companies just

is too slow, taking a year or

two in some cases, and acts as

a deterrent to any challenges.

Some argue that there is often an intrinsic environmen-

tal and social benefit in old or

dilapidated buildings being

improved, before any extra

money is given to the council.

defence, have been hampered

hardball with the developers.

Mr Rich thinks the Nolan

Committee, which has quizzed

John Gummer, the former

Environment Secretary, on

planning gain, could make the

negotiations between local au-

thorities and developers more

public, discouraging strong-

arm tactics on either side. At

present, only the final outcome

will be able to make any

radical changes is question-

able, however. The commit-

The extent to which Nolan

must be published.

Local authorities, in their

were being hit by the high ment of this Budget therefore was that Mr Brown has spared British industry from the triple whammy of high taxes, high interest rates and a high currency discussed in these columns during the past two months. At the same time the Chancellor announced some modest but sensible reforms to Britain's public finances, above all the abolition

of dividend tax credits and the simultaneous reduction of corporation tax. Since these two key Budget decisions - the absence of any serious attack on consumption and the "raid" on the pension funds - were the features of the Budget most widely con-

demned in the City, I will devote the rest of this article to trying to explain why I think they were right. Looking first at the dividend tax credit, two crucial points have been missed. The first point is that the British stock market's preoccupation with dividends is irrational and anomalous. According to fig-ures supplied by Kevin Gardner, of Morgan Stanley, dividend yields in Britain at present average 3.6 per cent. The next highest yield in a Group of Seven country is 2.2 per cent

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ing relates to the way that actuaries value pension funds on the basis of arbitrary projections of future income streams. As a result all estimates of the solvency or otherwise of British pension funds

day, for example, Watson Wyatt. a leading firm of pension consultants stated that "from an actuarial point of view. Brown has wiped £70 billion off the assets of British pension funds". This comment was immediately belied by the surge in equity markets which added roughly £10 billion to British pension assets. Presumably investors had anticipated the cost of dividend reform (as well as the windfall tax) and these losses were already built into share prices. This kind of discounting is what capital markets exist for and if actuarial calculations do not reflect this, perhaps someone else should be given the task of valuing pension funds.

Now let us return to whether Mr Brown should have raised consumer taxes. It is perfectly clear from the Budget documents that Mr Brown's claims about a major "fiscal rebalancing to get a stable and competitive pound" are nonsense. Of the £3.4 billion in fiscal tightening this year, only £600 million comes from consumer taxes, with all the rest bearing on companies and pension funds. And although the abolition of dividend tax credits could eventually hit pensioners and employees, the idea that these changes could have any perceptible impact on consumption in the next 12 months is for the birds.

Why then do I reject the City

view that Mr Brown should

have been tougher with consumers in order to bring down the pound and "rebalance" the economy in favour of exports, in the style of Norman Lamont and Kenneth Clarke in 1993-94? Because the key to their success was the ability to time interest reductions precisely and to make sure the economy was reviving before taxes were raised. Mr Brown now has no comparable control. If he had raised consumer taxes in this week's Budget, he would simply have put the economic recovery at greater risk with no assurance that the pound would go down. A tax increase on Wednesday could simply have reinforced confidence in sterling and then crucified British industry through a simultaneous deflation of domestic and export demand. That was what happened in the 1979-81 and 1990-92 recessions. This time, at least, British companies that face hard times in their export markets should be saved from financial disaster by strong domestic demand. Perhaps that was the conclusion that stock market investors arrived at yesterday when, with some help from Wall Street, they cocked a snook at the actuaries and economists alike, and toasted Mr Brown with an all-time high.

# Random 'ransom notes' tax developers

Then Marylebone Warwick Balfour (MWB), a London million on land in the elite suburb of Hampstead, social housing was not on the agen- curious: negotiations: in the da. It wanted to create 63 apartments and one house, with: a combined sale value of about £55 million, for the bankers and lawyers whose bonuses and salary rises are driving the capital's property boom.

Under pressure from Camden Borough Council, MWB has since had to give up a £750,000 slice of the site to a local housing association as a condition of planning consent. It will be used for affordable homes in a suburb where twobed flats sell for £200,000 and much more.

The overlap of the two housing developments could well become the premise of a TV sitcom, but MWB and other property developers are not laughing. They claim they are on the wrong end of a system of planning control that allows local councils to fund housing and infrastructure projects by randomly taxing their endeavours. While some developers hope

their concerns will be addressed in the forthcoming Nolan Committee report on standards in local government, expected this summer. there are also fears that existing controls will be loosened. Up to a point, local authori-

ties are well within their rights to ensure that a planned development contains some

sort of benefit to the community. The process has been called "planning gain", alproperty developer, spent £11 though this is a term that many dislike because it has been associated with some

> In the early Nineties, for instance, J Sainsbury built a tourist information centre and even a birdwatchers' hide as part of a package that enabled it to secure planning permis

> sion for a new store. The days of those kind of sweeteners being demanded or offered — are over, according to Jane Blower, of J Sainsbury. "That will never happen again," she asserts.

> Local authorities must now adhere to new guidelines from the Department of the Environment in their planning dealings, spelling an end to the wish-lists of some.

> They can now only ask for improvements — or "planning obligations" — when the project is unacceptable without them. The changes must also be directly linked to the development and its impact on the local community and environment, and be in keeping with the size of the project

These obligations could include infrastructure improvements, such as road widening, the provision of extra bus shelters, cycle tracks or open spaces. Local transport schemes are increasingly winning funds in this way. There are also requirements for developers to include a social housing provision in schemes

**Adam Jones** reports on the deals

landed on some companies by planners in exchange for consent



Some developers hope Lord Nolan will tackle the issue

above a certain size. Whatever the demand, the department's guidance note on the matter states: To retain public confidence, such arrangements must be operated in accordance with the fundamental principle that planning permission cannot be bought or

The disagreements continue. Sainsbury's has had battles over council-requested infrastructure improvements that the supermarket chain thought were opportunistic. MWB grudgingly paid Lam-

elsewhere in the borough.

rector of MWB, said the company does not object so much to the principle of a developer's contribution. In areas like Camden or Lambeth, there is a genuine need to prevent locals from

being priced out of the market

beth Borough Council £100,000 in order to secure planning permission to convert the old Naafi building in Kennington, south London. surveillance. The money is going to pay for affordable housing projects Richard Balfour-Lyon, a di-

in off-site contributions, embracing new bus shelters, pelican crossings and a contribution to the local dial-a-ride scheme. Another council is asking for contributions to closed-circuit television

Developers argue that the competition for sites is so fierce in the current property market that these sorts of demands have to be met. The local authorities can afford to dictate terms. "They know they are in a strong position at

the moment," said Mr Day. Developers also say the appeal procedure against council demands to the De-

tee's brief is to examine standards in public life. The issues raised by planning gain, or planning obligations,

go right to the heart of changes in the way that local government is funded, a far wider topic that is set to be an even bigger poser for the new

# Sachs appeal

AT LAST the epic battle over Simon Robertson, former boss at Dresdner Kleinwort Benson, is over. As I suggested earlier this week, speculation that another big German investment house. Deutsche Morgan Grenfell, was about to hire him are wide of the mark.

Instead he is indeed joining Goldman Sachs, the American investment bank. And what a job. No salary, but you can guess; more to the point, he becomes a partner, and rakes in the real money, from



ee, BAA can buy anything

December I. Speculation last night was that his early promotion might have had something to do with the vigorous attempts by DMG to hire him away from Goldmans, the original front-runner. DMG's failure will be welcomed at

Kleinwort, anyway. I am told feelings were running high there about the loss of such a high-flyer, even one they themselves threw out, to another German house. As it is, I believe the word is Schadenfreude.

 THIS is probably the most unlikely story I have heard for weeks, but I can assure you it is true. Max Taylor, pillar of the insurance establishment and the new chairman of Lloyd's, was once the munager of Hawkwind, the heavy metal band. The job, strangely, does not appear on his CV, which starts at the age of 22 as junior bro-ker at Willis Faber, so we can date it at 1970 or before. Hawkwind, younger readers may not know, were one of those 1970s dinosaurs who usually performed amid a haze of aromatic smoke - and indeed were still plying their trade in the 90s. They spawned the even louder Motorhead, a colleague reminds me. Taylor still plays the electric guitar. As more and more graduates of the 1960s and 1970s move into senior managerial positions, this sort of thing will become distressingly common, I am afraid.



#### Damn rotters

AND you thought British Rail was bad: Alicia Weston, Asia saleswoman at Deutsche Morgan Grenfell, and analyst Yeow See Yuen were on a business trip to The Netherlands vesterday. After some indecipherable Dutch squawks over the Tannoy, they boarded the empty Amsterdam train at Rotterdam. The train stopped a mile away. They admired the landscape. "Then this other train pulled in to the siding and parked. and there was no one on it either." says Alicia. So they tried the doors. Locked. They went for the driver. No one on board. Alicia rang DMG from the ghost train on her mobile. Traders in the dealing room were less than sympathetic — actually, they were still falling about with laughter

when they rang me about it half an

hour later. The police were called. Finally someone from the Dutch rail company came to free them.

#### **Burmese daze**

A PRINCIPLED stand from Burton Group, which yesterday instructed its suppliers to place no more contracts for goods sourced from Burma, or Myanmar, as the military rulers of that benighted country prefer it. This follows the arrival of a few shirts made there at Burton shops and a number of letters from a wellorganised protest group. Very laudable; but human rights

purists might wonder if the Burmese regime, awful though it is, is that much worse than, say, the Chinese, which uses slave labour to produce export goods, or its genocidal equivalent in Indonesia. Meanwhile cynics might wonder if the announcement is designed to pre-empt last night's hostile Nationwide programme about Burmese factories that make clothes for the British high street.

 ANY truth in rumours that a certain securities house has dropped £100 million on equity derivatives after the market's cortwheels of recent days? The City believes so, and so do I, although I am not supposed to reveal which one, not least because there may be several more. One British house has already denied it. But rumour says somebody's equities book might have as many holes as a Swiss cheese. And those holes might

be big enough to cause concern at Threadneedle Street.

#### Cat flap

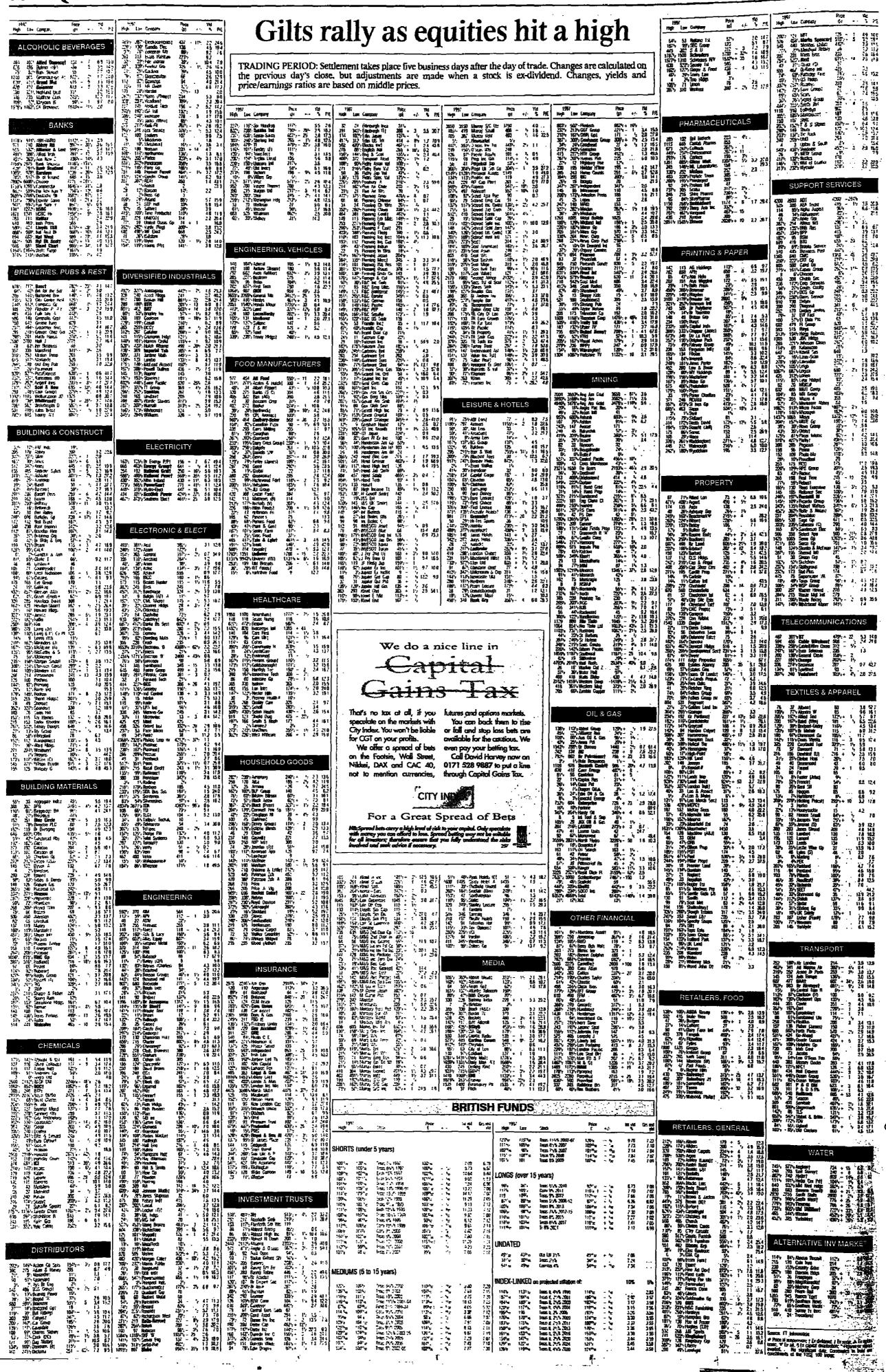
THERE is no doubt that the new head of the Welfare to Work task force in Scotland will take a particularly keen interest in the job. After all, he is one of the utilities fat cats who will have to pay for it. Ian Robinson, chief executive of ScottishPower the multi-utility that is going to have to shell out £320 million in the windfall tax - yesterday started work putting his money to good use.

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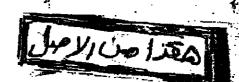
Ian Robinson: paying the piper and also playing the tune on Scottish task force





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#### Ramsden's serves up increase

Harry Ramsden's raised pre-tax profits to £202,000 from £169,000 in the six months to March 31 on sales up from £1.98 million to £2.52 million. The fish and chip restaurants group raised earnings from 1.3p to
1.5p, out of which a maintained dividend of lp a share will be paid.

John Barnes, chairman, said that seven restaurants were opened in the period. including franchised outlets in Singapore and Jeddah, Saudi Arabia Three more restaurants have opened since March. he said, making this a record year for new openings.

Hays acquires

Hays, the office support services company, paid £11.8 million for Paperstream, the payment pro-cessor. The deal will enhance earnings this year. Paperstream's pre-tax prof-its were £1.2 million on sales of £14.7 million in the year to March 31. It was part of Southern Water's billing department, sold after the takeover of Southern by ScottishPower.

Universal fall

Shares in Universal Salvage fell 6p to 1172 pafter the motor salvage group's pre-tax profits fell 26 per cent to £3.42 million in the year to April 30. Sales were £57 million (£46 million): Earnings were 8.35p (11.05p). A 3.55p final dividend gives a total of 5.2p (5.07p).

Mowlem buys

John Mowlem, the construction company, is pay-ing Northumbrian Water £4.05 million for Exploration Associates. It provides geotechnical and environmental services and had turnover of £13.5 million in the year to March 31.

CRH invests

CRH, the building materials group based in the Republic of Ireland, yesterday said it had completed acquisitions and investments of Irf48 million in the first six months of 1997, partly offset by divestments of Ir£39 million.

# Electricity watchdog may cut bills by 10%

By Christine Buckley, industrial correspondent

phased programme although

only three of the 14 companies

have so far said that they are

The regulator had originally

wanted competition to start in

one clean move but bowed to pressure from regional elec-

tricity companies who argued

that such a start would be too

ambitious and would threaten

administrative and technical

Professor Littlechild is plan-

ning that a percentage of

revenue from the electricity

companies is fed back in the

form of a rebate to customers

unable to join the competitive

market. Competition will be

introduced on a postcode ba-

sis. The rebates will apply for

each month that customers

are unable to shop around for

their electricity.

ready to start on time.

ELECTRICITY bills could fall by EZI next year because of fresh price controls being considered by the industry regula-tor ahead of the introduction

of a compenitive market in household power. The prospect of a 10 per cent cut in domestic bills to make an average of £238 a year was raised by Stephen Littlechild. the industry regulator, in the latest round of his review into the pricing restraints that operate on the supply side of electricity.

It has also emerged that customers excluded from next April's phased start of the open market will be in line for rebates from their regional electricity companies.

Prospects of electricity price cuts next year come as fears circulate among consumer groups that companies will seek to pass on the bills for windfall tax through prices by trying to negotiate leniency in pricing reviews.

Professor Littlechild has previously told the Trade and Industry Select Committee that he would listen to such arguments but that he would have to be pursuaded that the companies financial ability to fulfil licence obligations had been affected.

Price restraints will be imposed on regional suppliers who at present enjoy monopolies — for their supply opera-tions once the market has begun to open.

Professor Littlechild has based the amount of the cut in bills on an expectation that prices in the pool - the wholesale market for electricity — will nimble by between 4 and 12 per cent over the next three years. He has also anticipated that supply business costs could be further cut by about 1.5 per cent a year. Competition in domestic electricity, which has been dogged by delays and unrest within the industry, is sched-

uled to start in the spring in a

Tradepoint short of target despite rise

By ADAM JONES

on Tradepoint, the electronic million, an average of 4.6 market set up to compete with million a day. the London Stock Exchange; increased in the first half of the quires £50 million a day in year, but remain a long way behind break-even targets.

raise E775.000 in interim fund-

Yesterday the loss-making exchange announced that it handled trades worth £418 million in the first six months of 1997, compared with £158 million in the same period last year. June proved to be a record month for Tradepoint,

THE number of deals struck with 463 trades worth £97.6

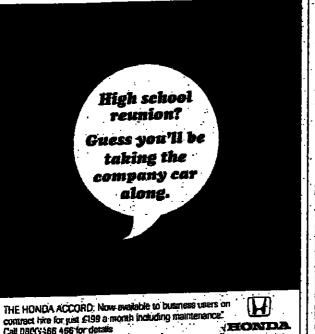
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traded volume to break even. ehind break-even targets. It set itself the target of Tradepoint was forced to breaking even by the end of the year, but will face a new challenge when the Stock Exchange ing through a placing with lenge when the Stock Exchange existing shareholders last unveils its own order-driven trading system in the autumn. Tradepoint is seeking at least £6 million in long-term financing.

Stephen Wilson, an executive director, claimed yesterday that Tradepoint users were consistently able to deal at better prices". Tradepoint shares closed unchanged at 70p.

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# Cadbury proves a chip off the old block

By Dominic Walsh

JOEL CADBURY, 25-yearold scion of the chocolate family, is quietly proving that business is in his blood. Together with Ollie Vigors and Alex Langlands Pearse—

his partners in a company called Longshot ---Cadbury has just sold a pub and club business in Fulham Road, south London, for £1.5 £140,000 they paid for it two

The Goat in Boots pub, a popular haunt for Sloanes. and the adjoining membersonly Kings Club have been sold to Pembertons Group. the AIM-listed former Courtyard Leisure, in which Robert Earl, the restaurant billionaire, has a stake.

Longshot will continue to run the site, where turnover has quadrupled to around £2 million over two years, under a management contract. It is receiving £433,000 of the sale price in the form of Pembertons shares and the two companies are expected to develop further business op-

Longshot, which founded in 1994.

portunities together.

London eateries SWXI and Vingt-Quatre, a 24-hour con-cept that may be developed ticket booking agency for 17 years until 1971. And his mother, Jennifer d'Abo, masinto a chain on the back of the Goat in Boots sale proceeds. terminded the flotation in Mr Cadbury, who is Longshot's chief executive, needs to look no further than 1986 of Ryman, the high street

Cadbury

his parents for entrepreneur-

ial inspiration. His father.

Peter, a cousin of Dominic

Schweppes chairman, was

stationery retailer.

Despite Longshot's rapid growth, Mr Cadbury has no plans to take it public. "We've got money in the bank, and we're doing very well as a private company," he said.



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Good to talk. better to act: BT's National Connections brings youngsters to the stage

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Queen Lear. Kathryn Hunter makes gender irrelevant in a superb portrayal of the tragic monarch



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centipede was once asked how he was able to walk, and was thrown into such confusion and self-doubt by the question that he never walked again. I have often seen a similar fear on the face of actors whom I have quizzed about their craft. If they try to explain what to them is largely a mystery, they may cripple their ability to perform.

But when two screen centipedes as accomplished as James Stewart and Robert Mitchum disappear into the history books within two days, the question has to be asked again. How did they make acting look so easy? How did Mitchum grip us with that hooded charisma, and Stewart effortlessly radiate that gawky decency? Were they simply being themselves in fictional circumstances that required only minor adjustments of mood? Were they, indeed, acting at all?

Some would argue not. The American critic George Nathan said that an actor's performance on screen bore the same relation to a performance on stage as a hiccup to Camille's consumption.

Josef von Sternberg wrote that film actors appear to move and speak by themselves, seem to be "self-determining units of intelligence" but are actually "dolls", "dummies" that require more manipulation by a director than a clockwork duck. He claimed to have turned Marlene Dietrich from an awkward amateur into a profoundly mysterious siren by asking her to count to

six and stare at a lamppost. Sternberg was, of course, an not exactly a versatile performer, but it must be admitted that screen production is much more hostile than stage production to complex charac-

ter acting.
Rehearsals usually consist of a brief chat with the director and one brisk run-through. When shooting occurs, the performers are surrounded by wire, cameras and sound-



Above, James Stewart on his way to being a really nice guy with Donna Reed in It's a Wonderful Life; below, Robert Mitchum gets unusually nasty in Night of the Hunter



running forward to powder their faces between takes. Directors and film editors have far more control over the way actors project to the audience

Moreover, screen actors have less chance to range than their stage counterparts. They are more obviously stuck with their own faces, bodies and, to a large extent, personalities. If they apply make-up and adjust their body language to suggest age, disease or even emotional change, they look phoney. The camera tends to make anything except the equipment, plus odds and most literal performances bods doing such things as seem artificial. When Lau-

rence Olivier played Othello on stage, he seized and inhabned his audiences imaginations. When he gave the same

Occasionally a great film actor - Marlon Brando, Orson Welles, maybe Robert De Niro - can achieve the otherness a good stage actor would take for granted. But you seldom see transformation on the screen you could call daring, let alone radical. For an actor, it is more a case of restraining his more adventurous impulses and bolder gestures, and hoping that

blackface.

simply being the person he is will be performance enough. As Peter Ustinov once said to an over-busy player: "Don't

This hardly demands the complex skills one associates with Olivier, Ralph Richardson, Ian McKellen or Vanessa Redgrave at their theatrical best. But it requires more than Mitchum modestly suggested when he said he had only two styles of acting: on and off a

When David Hare was directing his Licking Hitler, he had trouble with a stage actor who looked like a stiff in a

mortuary. Asked why, the actor replied: "I'm told film acting is about doing nothing." Hare's reply was that there was a difference between doing nothing and thinking nothing.

The camera loves intelligence," Hare writes. "It loves to detect what's behind the face." Add "sensitivity" and he is surely right. He is equally right to pick Redgrave as an actress who has made an especially successful transition from the all-encompassing challenges of the theatre to the quiet demands of film. In Playing for Time, in which she was a Jewish musician in a Nazi death camp, she opened her imagination to the character's predicament, and the pain, grief and horror were in

ow does she do it? She says that, instead of worrying about complex psychological patterns or the cause and effect of character, she reacts to situations "immediately, unquestioningly and trustingly". That was also the annonach recommended by Michelangelo Antonioni, who said that film actors should not plan a part, but simply "let the imagination reveal itself spontaneously"; and he directed

But this sort of acting demands great confidence, which needs moral and emotional strength, and a rare ability to relax, which needs physical strength too. Were those the fundamental qualities that allowed Stewart to radiate such intensity of curiosity in Rear Window and Mitchum to bring such coldness to Night of the Hunter? We can only guess. The mystery remains.

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Youth is taking over the National Theatre next week

# Do put your daughter (and son) on the stage

in Peckham, south London, 12 young people rehearse a brand new play by Nobel laureate Wole Soyinka. The run-through is a bit rough around the edges: it is ten weeks since the last performance, we are being dealened by a thunderstorm, and one of the actors has severe laryngitis. Nevertheless, excitement and energy fizz. For this production of Travel Club and Boy Soldier, featuring a group of 11 to 18-

ity arts venture, Peckham New Varieties, has been chosen for this month's celebration of youth theatre at the

It has taken two years and £400,000 of sponsorship to reach this final stage of the BT National Connections showcase. Twelve established writers - the poets Simon Armitage and Liz Lochhead, author of The Krays Phil Ridley, and prizewinning play-wright David Ashton among them - were each commissioned to write a new piece for a young cast. Ten regional theatres, from Belfast to Clwyd. Chichester to Sheffield, Plymouth to Inverness, worked in partnership with 150

groups of young people, and each production was as-sessed by NT representatives. Three quarters of them were presented in regional showcases. Suzy Graham-Adriani, the NT's administrator of the project, says that "every single regional partner has done more than was required". Asked to mount two productions each, they all presented at least eight. Last Christmas all the di-

rectors - mostly youth leaders and teachers - went on a from the NT and some of the writers for a brainstorming weekend. The groups had already chosen their plays from synopses giving details of cast and set requirements and, sometimes, warning of strong language. Everyone had to undertake to respect the text. Graham-Adriani says that they were able to recruit such high-calibre playwrights "because they

know we are careful about their work". But the writers have been accommodating, finding "creative alterna-tives" where expression was too colourful for comfort. Ashton even rewrote bits of his play. The Golden Door (about an outspoken underground tribe), for a church group, saying he perfectly

While these particular writers deal with everything from bullying to homeless ness, drug-taking and child

abuse (as well as friendship

National Theatre.

Gloucestershire Everyman tackles David Ashton's The Golden Door

and shared fun), the plays are never irresponsible. A character living on the streets in Simon Bent's Shelter praises "E", but is immediately told to be sensible by one of his

In Sparkleshark, a hilarious piece full of clever observation and fantasy, and one of the most popular, Ridley deftly shows Jake, the school geek, escaping the bullies by using his imagination in shared storytelling. Gina Moxley is aware that Dog emotionally and physically abused by her widower father, has to be tackled sensitively, but no one has complained about the content. She says: "It's a bit scary, kids doing it. But abuse goes on and the play could be a trigger to talk about it."

Bryony Lavery's fable about 16 women who, immured after the death of their ism, has received some unwelcome press attention. Graham-Adriani defends the piece vigorously: "More Light is a beautiful play. Given a plot description, who would think Oedipus was suitable for teenagers? But that's a set book."

Sometimes the language itself presents a challenge. Armitage's strange and mag-ical Eclipse could only have been written by a poet; absolute precision is required in speaking the rhythmic lines.

Soyinka's play, too, has its difficulties for modern schoolchildren. The language is formal, clever, middle-class, typical of a public school debating society. Pupils on a school journey in the South Seas are caught up in a political coup and, although the situation is frightening. they score points of each other and the 15year-old soldier who has them in his power.

Many writers have travelled the country to see productions of their plays. Ashton says: "l always have a pow-wow about the play and I have found the casts delightful, cheeky, funny, thoughtful intelligent."

Ridley has turned his own painful childhood experience of bullying to good account in Sparkleshark, and he has taken a particular interest in East End and Belfast productions, where racial and sectarian tensions and the need to build community add a dimension.

Trevor Nunn, the NT's incoming artistic director, believes this contact with writers and theatre professionals is valuable training for the 6,000 directors and young people who have taken part. does is very important to my objectives over the next five years. It reaches out regionally and to young people of whatever race, religion, background or creed."

#### HEATHER NEILL

● The 12 plays will be performed over six days, two each evening from 7pm in the Cottesloe µuly 9. 10, 11 and 12) and Olivier µuly 14 and 15) theatres (0171-928 2252)

#### 🖊 athryn Hunter is a woman, Lear the elderly father of three, and Helena Kaut-Howson's production, first seen at the Leicester Haymarket, famously casts the one as the other. This is certainly a theatrical innovation, at least in Britain, but the transgender aspect can be overemphasised and has already led to pointless speculation. Since Fiona Shaw has recently played Richard II, are we witnessing the start of a new trend? Which black actress will be the first to play Othello?

Who can answer these mighty questions? Better to note that the word "actor" has long since lost its exclusively masculine gender, and consider what the actor Hunter achieves, for this is momentous. Her voice does not beat against the roof in the storm scenes, and I suspect it may not be up to doing so. But such suspicions are irrelevant because she builds the performance on a different structure, and the rewards come plentifully in the closing scenes, when the king flickers in and out of madness. Here Hunter finds for him a kind of divine grace.

The production has lost some of the nursing home preliminaries that disconcerted some of my colleagues at Leicester. We still see Hunter being pushed on to the stage in a wheelchair, bald, shrunken. virtually dead to the world, while doctors even more love and cherishment. "Noth-

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### Mother of all fathers

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King Lear Young Vic

and ancillary staff attend to other terminal cases in the background. But there is no clear indication that what follows is the nightmare of a neglected parent, although the programme still draws this parallel.

With her strange, wizened features and parchment skin, Hunter sometimes looks like Max Wall; at moments even the Alec Guinness of The Lady Killers without those terrible teeth. There is a puckish amusement in this elderly baby's face; fingers twitch excitedly as Hunter hobbles towards Cordelia, fondly confident of

ing will come of nothing," is spoken as a caring parent might say it, explaining an error, not stamping on an offender.

Except for some of the asides muttered by Marcello Magni's Fool the verse speaking is clear and intelligent. Kaut-Howson has had to redirect her produc-tion to fit the Young Vic's very different stage, where actors can emerge from all corners, and she achieves a particularly fine tableau at the height of the storm with Lear, his Fool and Kent huddled together and staring horrified at the writhings of Simon Roberts's Poor Tom.

Interesting behaviour is also occurring on the periphery of the action. Crouched in the shadow of a barrel, Magni listens to yet another of Lear's tirades against his daughters, and the expression on his face tells you how well he can read the future.

Hunter's gravelly, wavering voice is able to stir the heart from the moment Lear's plight sets him thinking of other people. In the final scenes, decked with flowers or dressed in a white robe, the voice is that of a little, old and trembling creature, now briefly comical, now piercing in the pain of its hard-won wisdom. The sex of the actor is immaterial before such capacity to reach the core of an

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**Budget inflation** is a Brit who had won three tennis matches in suc-

extremely reluctant to switch cession. Indeed, it was such a to another one, even temporarclose call between Brown and ily, but this phenomenon does Henman that Radio 5 Live's not fully explain the BBC's coverage of the two was actually titled Wimbledon 97 and This is by no means the first the Budget, a programming conjunction that satirists year when listeners have wondered how any event can would have been struggling to possibly be so important that it has to be covered simulta-

neously on three out of the five Henman won his fourthround match 45 minutes be-BBC networks. The irresistible fore Brown was due on court conclusion is that internal at Westminster, which made rivalries are dictating the the balancing act of John Inverdale, 5 Live's presenter, On Wednesday, Gordon easier than might have been Brown arrived at the dispatch

the case. box to more coverage than The potential listener's job was not made easy at all. The Tim Henman at Wimbledon, a ridiculous situation given listings gave little clue as to what kind of Budget coverage that Brown is merely the Chancellor whereas Henman

might be expect-ed from Radios 2. 4 and 5 Live.

Nothing in Radio Times, for example, indicated that the actual Budget speech would only be on Radio 4, with Radios 2 and 5 Live taking highlights interspersed with comment from experts.

I listened to the Radio 4

coverage of the speech itself. because I do not like radio producers deciding on my behalf what I need to hear. I occasionally switched to 5 Live, where inverdale was manfully alternating between mortgage interest relief and forehand passing shots.

Listeners who missed the daytime live coverage could have tuned in during the late evening. At 10pm Radio 4 had

than half of which was about the Budget, followed at 10.35 by Brown's Budget statement. Radio 5 Live was not, of course, about to lie down and roll over, so at 10pm it had two hours of Budget appraisal in Vincent Hanna's Budget Night, the first 45 minutes of

which overlapped with the

Radio 4 coverage.

The root of the problem here is a dilemma that arose when 5 Live was launched, as to which BBC network is supposed to be the market leader in current affairs. Radio 4 is determined to hold that title against allcomers, but 5 Live is the dedicated sport and news network and is particularly dedicated to proving itself best at the job. Most listeners will

wish the umpire would make

a decision soon.

PETER BARNARD



■ POP 1

Primal Scream go heavily into the dance scene, with psychedelic overtones, on Vanishing Point



POP 2

. while Brian Eno offers a glacial voyage towards the cutting edge on The Drop





POP 3

Refreshed by the Sex Pistols reunion, John Lydon takes the Psycho's Path on a new solo album



POP 4

His 'harmolodics' may baffle, but saxophonist Ornette Coleman is still able to blow hot and bold

# Trust your Bobby on the beat

POP ALBUMS:

Primal Scream's

leader still can't

sing for toffee, but

**David Sinclair** is

hep to the groove

PRIMAL SCREAM Vanishing Point (Creation CRECD 178 513.99)

IT WAS no accident that Primal Scream ended up playing their set in the Dance Tent at Glastonbury last weekend. With their new album, Vanishing Point, the Glaswegians have returned to the dance/rock fusion which they pioneered with such intriguing results on their 1991 album Screamadelica.

Their singer and leader. Bobby Gillespie, has not entirely shaken off his fixation with the past, but whereas Primal Scream's previous album, Give Out But Don't Give Up, aped the straight rock'n roll of the Rolling Stones circa 1972 with slavish devotion. Vanishing Point is a more free-ranging, experimental project with strong psychedelic overtones: not so much Exile on Main St as Their Satanic Majesties Request completely retooled for the post-rave era.

The biggest problem remains Gillespie's feeble voice, a combination of wavery pitch and gossamerthin tone that slides away from the note like butter off a hot knife, and singularly fails to do justice to tunes

such as Out of the Void and Star. But the album boasts some tremendous grooves, often enhanced by an imaginative choice of instrumentation. The seductive, film-noir melody of Get Duffy is carried by a hass clarinet; a tootling melodica livens up Star: and there is an arresting synth and sitar joust on If They Move, Kill Em. a wonderfully funky instrumental which sounds a bit like the Mission Impossible theme played on Ecstasy.

Despite Gillespie's shortcomings as a performer. Vanishing Point is a rare and inspiring example of a group successfully finding its way back from the safety of the retrocutting edge, and doing so with you said and tried to play it considerable style and conviction.



"A free-ranging, experimental project with strong psychedelic overtones": after the failed Give Out But Don't Give Up, Primal Scream are back on form with Vanishing Point

#### **BRIAN ENO**

The Drop (All Saints Records ASCD32 £14.49) ONE of the few musicians who is able to describe his own work almost as well as a music critic. Brian Eno has characterised The Drop as "what you might expect from sketchily describing modern jazz to a person who'd never heard it and who then forgot most of what

ambient/instrumental doodles that proceed with an airless and utterly Eno may be on the brink of something new here, as he has been so often in the past. But while it is one thing to admire the questing spirit of The Drop, there is a cold, eerie quality (what he calls "sour-

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Frankly, that gives an impression

of this album as being rather more

of a lark than it actually sounds.

From the brief, arhythmic, tonal

soundbites with titles such as Slip

Dip and But if that preface the album, to a final, 32-minute-long systems piece called *Iced World* for

piano and shimmering electronic

rhythm track, The Drop is a

ness") to this music that makes it difficult to love.

**BLUES TRAVELER** Straight On Till Morning

(A&M 540 750 E15.49) WHILE their last studio album. Four, sold six million copies, comparatively few of those passed over the counters of record shops in this country. Like their fellow cans the Dave Matthews Band and Hootie and the Blowfish, Blues Traveler is one of those groups that combines superlative musicianship with ultra-conservative production values in a way that seems slick and

meaningless to British ears. The group is primarily a vehicle for the virtuoso harmonica playing of John Popper, and he certainly piles up some awesomely complicated phrases with an amazingly fleet touch, especially on the jazzy Justify the Thrill. But the unnecessarily convoluted lyrics - "Perhaps in

time I could surpass my coy façade

of vast indifference" - coupled with the progressive rock pretensions of numbers such as Felicia and Business as Usual quickly become wearying, while Popper's tendency to sing like Cat Stevens, notably on Canadian Rose, does not weigh in the band's favour either.

JOHN LYDON

(Virgin Records America 7243 8 44209 E13.99)

A MAN of many parts, none of which quite fits, John Lydon follows up the unabashed nostalgia of the Sex Pistols reunion with the novel approach of his first solo album,

Psycho's Path. Left entirely to his own devices, Lydon produces a batch of songs that are more thoughtful and personal in tone than was typical of his work with either the Pistols or Public Image Ltd. "I'm never happy with what surrounds me," he sings on Sun, an appealing, lolloping riff

which Lydon performs on an assortment of toilet-paper rolls, cardboard boxes and an accordion which, by his own admission, he can hardly

Despite the rather eccentric arrangements, Lydon actually makes his most concerted effort yet to sing, as opposed to the shouting and ranting that has been his stock-intrade over the years. Sounding like David Thomas of Pere Ubu on the funky Another Way and the languorous A No and A Yes, he allows a rare sense of personal weakness to creep into the lyrics — "You see these problems and faults in you/I know they're there, I got them too" - although he would doubtless pass off such sentiments as simple role

playing.
With dance remixes of various tracks by the Chemical Brothers, Leftfield, Moby and Danny Saber also included, Psycho's Path not only sounds remarkably current but also has something original to say.

### Original creative process

**EVAN PARKER ELECTRO-ACOUSTIC** ENSEMBLE Toward the Margins **ECM New Series** 

1612 453 514-2) ALTHOUGH ECM is not generally readily associated with freely improvised music, UK saxophonist Evan Parker appeared on the label's fifth release in 1970, and has maintained a close relationship with both his producer here (Steve Lake) and label-boss

#### JAZZ ALBUMS

Manfred Eicher ever since. This project involves Parker's regular trio with bassist Barry Guy and percussionist Paul Lytton, but assigns each group member a "processor" who both treats his assignee's music electronically and produces live electronic sounds of

The results, which fully utilise the various instrumental combinations available. range from brooding, multitextured meditations, through squalls of scrabbling improvisation, to intriguing explora-tions of the relationship between the original improvised sound and its processed equivalent. Absorbing, innovative and wholly original

MEW YORK JAZZ COLLECTIVE

l Don't Know This World Without Don Cherry (Naxos Jazz 86003-2) EXPANDING its budget-priced (£4.99) classical operation to jazz under the artistic direction of New Zealand-born pianist/composer Mike Nock, Naxos has assembled many of New York's linest for this session, one of six labellaunching issues. Nock want-"independent musicians with roots both in the new music and the tradition", and his front-line choice, multireedsman Marty Ehrlich, trombonist Frank Lacy and trumpeter Baikida Carroll, certainly bring considerable soloing strength to their leader's tricksy compositions, even if some of their theme-statements are a little sour.

Overall, then, this is an adventurous, richly varied but thoughtful set of band originals, with Ehrlich, as ever, stealing the show with his peerless versatility and inventiveness.

CHRIS PARKER

#### TOP TEN ALBUMS

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#### JAZZ: No longer must Ornette Coleman plough his furrow alone. Alyn Shipton reports

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# Coleman teamed with a partner of notes

or someone every bit as influen-tial in jazz history as Miles Davis or John Coltrane, the free jazz saxophone pioneer Ornette Coleman remains a contradictory and often misunderstood figure. His Texan origins are wrapped up in myths like those that Bob Dylan created around himself, and his theory of "harmolodics" is incomprehensible to all but his closest associates.

For 20 years he has divided his playing life between acoustic quartets coupled with intense productivity as a composer for everything from sympho-ny orchestras to solo instrumentalists. His current appearance at La Villette in Paris coincides with the first radical development in his playing career for years, the formation of a duo with the pianist Joachim Kühn, and the release of their first album. Colors. next week.

Coleman has a symbolic importance for Kühn, who was born in Leipzig. "When I was I4 I first heard his music in East Germany," says Kühn. "He played jazz without chord changes, and his freedom of expression really meant something to us. I knew I wanted to spend my life with this man's music, but it's taken 40 years for us finally to work together."

Kühn's own performances are

among the most unpredictable of any European free improviser. He lives and plays close to the edge, freely admitting that for him, life itself is an improvisation. The alternating violence and compassion in his playing interlocks with Coleman's unconventional tonality and melodic ideas. After rehearsing six of Coleman's new pieces for several days before their Paris appearance. Kühn says he felt encouraged to play more freely than ever.

Coleman himself seems every inch the seasoned jazz musician, a long way from his iconoclastic image. Softly spoken, a leather pork-pie hat jammed on his head, he sports a remarkable suit adorned with buttons in the unlikeliest places. His conversation. rather like his playing, is a startling mix of direct penetrating observations



and the bafflingly obscure. It takes only a few minutes before he starts banging on about harmolodics, yet despite his unorthodox views on musical notation he neatly sidesteps every direct question about his compositional method: I try to communicate a musical philosophy which is that if Joachim can do better, he has the right to change it."

Just as Coleman appears to be drifting off into a discussion of how the same note possesses different sound qualities according to how it is notated (a key principle of harmolodics), his eyes suddenly snap open, and he starts a detailed discourse on the state of

improvisation in jazz. "Most jazz musicians follow maps to improvise," he says. "The right setting

Ornette Coleman and Joachim Kühn mix well on some primary Colors

or framework for someone's imagination to work is as important as the imagination itself. My theory of harmolodics is about understanding the repetitions in playing, but making the notes creative, going through the maze to allow the individual to express freely their personal or collective

> Why, then, would Coleman seek to work in a duo with a pianist, using the very instrument that seems the annithesis of his principles of freedom?

"It's because Joachim doesn't play like a conventional planist. He's almost a symphonist - all the parts he plays seem orchestrated. He doesn't play a supporting role, simply an equal one.

fitted naturally. It's good that we made a record so people can hear structure. hear jazz, hear free music and hear

composition in our playing."

Coleman turns every question round to suggest that his answer is what "you" think. He seems happier to talk about Kühn rather than himself. So when the mask slips it comes as a surprise. He always knew, he says, from the time a nightclub stabbing

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made him give up tenor and play the unfashionable alto, what kind of music he would play. When he told his mother, she asked acidly: "Do you think people are going to pay you for your soul?"

It still hurts him that in his early days as an innovator, musicians he respected put down their instruments and walked off stage when he went to sit in with Clifford Brown's band, but he has learnt to be philosophical about it: "They didn't like what they didn't

When success eventually came, Coleman is quick to deny its importance. "It was just the opportunity to have a job My early records were not what I think of as success. What I want to do all the time is things that I find interesting. musically, philosophically and reli giously. People think that those who are called artists are somehow in a different category. I'd aspire to every one being able to aspire to what is

called art. Colors is released on Monday by Verve



■ POP 5

Lipstick with attitude: there's a big market for the angry young women of the music business



POP 6

Mud. magic, and a notable absence of people called Tara: Glastonbury was a wet delight





POP 7

Joy unconfined in Dublin, as the Blue Nile play a stunning concert in the Olympia



TOMORROW

Diana Ross reviewed as she opens her new British tour, and the weekend listings

# Songs that sort the women from the girls

Alan Jackson, a worried man, looks at the current chart

supremacy of the Angry Young Women, and their forebears

hate the world today. So begins the song that is poised to top the American charts next week, and which is already causing radio programmers all over Britain to swoon with excitement. Its singer and writer, Oregon-born Meredith Brooks, is the latest successful example of an increasingly sought-after commodity in pop, the Angry Young Woman. Post-Sheryl, post-Alanis. there is a ready market for lipstick with attitude, and Brooks exploits it with bravura and precision. "I'm a bitch. I'm a lover, I'm a child. I'm a mother/I'm a saint, I'm a sinner ... I do not feel ashamed," runs her anthem. And of her partner, she demands: "So take me as I am/This may mean you have to be a stronger man."

In interviews Brooks has been busily pointing out that the lyric is not simply a battle cry for those in the throes of "those scary PMT moments". She says: "It's more of a people song than anything: it's not just for girls. Guys can be bitches, you know? Bitchiness is just another emotion, and they feel it too. For example, when I was a child and fell down, it was OK to cry. Guys of the same age...the pressure was to get up, dust themselves off, and go back in to but, without acknowledging that they were hurt. So while it may not be very safe for a guy to say I feel bitchy, they do feel it. The song is about taking off the mask and

letting your true emotions show." That its catalogue of the many moods and roles of everywoman (everyperson, if we accept Brooks's premise) has been so emphatically well-received suggests that it capwould-be self-image as compellingly as did two other comparable songs, Peggy Lee's I'm A Woman back in 1963, and Helen Reddy's Grammy-winning I Am Woman. in 1972. Each acts as a cultural barometer for the particular times in which they were successful. Lcc. for example, presented herself as prototype superwoman, able to feed an army, raise a family and satisfy her partner's every need - a male fantasy figure for those prefeminist times. That she had her

> **6** In the short term it is the loud and proud who capture the attention 9

own expectations beyond mere compliance was made clear in the closing lines, however. 'I can make a dress out of a feed-bag and I can make a man out of you." she warned us darkly.

Reddy, meanwhile, was clever

enough to make the burgeoning women's liberation movement palatable even to the almost exclusively male hierarchy dominating American radio in the early 1970s. "I am woman, hear me roar/in numbers too great to ignore," she sang prettily and, when rewarded with the Grammy for that year's Best Pop Vocal Performance, Female, thanked God in her acceptance speech, "because She makes tures a certain spirit of the times: everything possible". But these to Mary-Chapin Carthat it defines its audience's own days, few would think of Reddy as one of the music industry's suffrag-

got lost amid the increasingly middle-of-the-road sound of her subsequent chart career. Lee too. though a jazz and showbusiness legend in her old age, could hardly be said to be a feminist icon. Both singers used a broad emotional palette in their work, rather than the angry red favoured so often by Morissette and, latterly, Brooks,

The fact that it is not coloured so obviously may be the reason why a subtler, more eleverly constructed song by another emergent American singer-writer. Paula Cole, has stalled just inside the Top Ten of the American Hot 100, rather than chased Brooks to its summit. Where Have All The Cowboys Gone, currently a modest hit here. is a beautifully written, insidiously melodic dissection of a generation of women's romantic and marital disillusionment — all this in four minutes, 25 seconds.

he protagonist, swept off her feet by courtship on the front porches and in a So Chevy, promises initially to do the laundry and raise the children, if her husband pays all the bills. Gradually, though, the reality of an imbalanced and increasingly uncommunicative relationship is revealed to her.

"I will wash the dishes, while you go have a beer," she then sings hitterly, the Chevrolet having long since been sold to absorb the financial impact of another baby. and two sets of dreams having been traded with it. "Where is my John Wayne?" is her summary lament in each chorus. "Where is my prairie sun? Where is my happy ending? Where have all the cowboys gone?" of three years ago, the power and ettes; her message, such as it was, resonance of Cole's song come not simplistic to me, and lazy; it offers and feeling empowered in a way is Brooks's success then, and



"I'm a bitch. I'm a lover, I'm a child. I'm a mother" — the multi-faceted Meredith Brooks leads the fashionably aggressive sloganeers

from fashionably aggressive sloganeering, but from a sense of being rooted in the day-to-day.

In the short term, though, it is the loud and proud which captures the most attention. Brooks's lyric seems, perhaps deliberately, 100

no light and shade, just blocks of primary emotional colour, and presents its singer in a smug, selfjustifying way. That said, it adds up to a superbly marketable piece of product: I can imagine women singing it to themselves, or aloud.

that they would not by singing Where Have All The Cowbovs Cone or any of the tracks on Shawn Colvin's excellent current album. A Few Small Repairs, a textbook example of now to write honest, self-analytical songs. That

Morissene's before her. Maybe, as they say in America, it's just a girl

O Bitch by Meredith Brooks is released here as a single by Capitol Parlophone on July 21: an album, Elucting The Edges, will follow. Where Have All The Corchays Gone is on Warner Brother.

Glastonbury '97: you just had to be there. You, 90,000 others, and no social butterflies getting stuck in the mud

# And where was Tara? Gone with the wind

No. really. When The Sunday Times's Style section starts billing the primo outdoor freakfest as "part of the Season", the only thing able to put off all those Tara Beckwith-Pumpkin-Handhags is weather so inclement that Glastonbury starts to have its own tides. Thankfully, this year Glas-

l lastonbury could have

done with more rain.

tonbury turns into the Lost City of Atlantis. The creatively named Other Stage starts to sink, cancelling appearances by Divine Comedy, Kenickie and Sneaker Pimps. Record company executives bark into mobile phones, demanding that hapless secretaries "bike down" pairs of Barbour wellies "double quick": and small hippy children, sus-

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nended between parental hands, are dragged along so quickly that their boots are left behind in the oomska. The "It" girls are notable for their absence and, combined with

the Blitz spirit that a world made of brown liquid creates. the atmosphere is one of Britsin-adversity happiness. Beck, decked out in rhinestone cowboy campness, and topping the Indie Totty List for the second year in a row, is lip-

smackingly brilliant. Where

it's At - wherein he reveals

he's got "two turntables and a

microphone" - is a hip hop not even a hurricane would hoedown in a beer-barn: geniu-joy splashed out wide and vibed.

Prodigy, however, are a lacklustre disappointment. When technical hitches force them offstage for 30 minutes. Dennis Pennis reveals himself as the bravest man in the world. Standing on a stage in front of 60,000 cold, muddy. disgruntled Prodigy fans. Pennis sings in Hebrew. When the Prodg's Maxim eventually returns to the stage, he self-righteously bellows "Norhing.

stop us from playing here!" Well, I should hope not. You're being paid, played in a prime slot on BBC2, and if we all tool. that artitude, this column would have started

"Nothing, not even wanting to watch Richard and Judy. has kept me from my word proces-sor! It's your job, you silly man. Up in the Green

Fields, meanwhile. a man in a Lycra jumpsuit is selling hot cider for 50p a cup. "Cider, cider. he yells. "The ivy of the Universe - it binds the

soul and mots you to the In time, the mud becomes stickier yet slipperier. A French artist is sitting in the Stone Circle, wired to the moon and agog at what lies

before him. "I work with clay and natural fibres - I have come to Glastonbury, and found that the whole world has turned into my canvas." In front of him are just under a

hundred, painstakingly hand-rolled mud sausages. Later on, the French Damien Hirst shows his displeasure at Cast's adaled Mersey-scuille by hurling said mud sausages at lead bellower John Power, "At least I'm

**MORAN** 

good at writing songs." Power huffs, incorrectly, "You're rubbish at throwing mud." On the word "mud", a particularly fulsome sausage hits him right in the crotch.

Not even a small lima-nean of the stuff is hurled at Radiohead, however, who headline to 60,000 tearful converts. Paranoid Android sounds like the dirtiest, deepest Martian-jam, and No Surprises helplessly hopeful harmonies chime in at the same time as the fireworks bloom and spark in the night sky. The next day, every one of the Radiohead-at-Glaston-

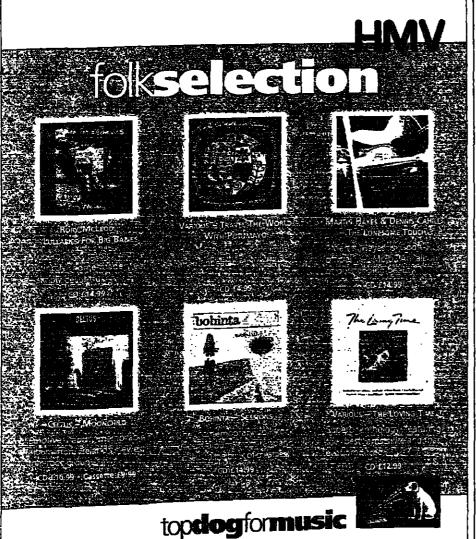
bury T-shirts have sold out. A man dressed as a fried egg spreads the rumour that dry land has been sighted near the Jazz Stage, Unfortunately, the lake in front of the Pyramid Stage is still liquid, and I stand in it to watch the Seahorses.

what they are - three former buskers and the Stone Roses' John Squire, a man who solos during the intro, first verse. chorus, second verse and outro. Each song lasts approximately 43 years.

At one point Chris Helme. the man Squire discovered with a pair of cymbals strapped to his knees outside Woolworths in Manchester. iumps down into the audience. to "up the vibe". From where I'm standing, it looks like he's having a flashback, and taking around his hat to collect spare change. Pavement, on the Other

Stage, are simply assenishing. The balmiest of FM Rock played on a detuned ratio. Pavement cause the first patch of blue sky to appear in three weeks. The audience is momentarily distracted as they all take pictures of it. Up in the Green Fields, the

hot cider man is now selling cups of Souvenir Glasionbur-Mud in sealed cups for ittp:// send one to Tara Gucci-Shoes Rich-Dad, with a note explaining that it's incredibly importunt that she and her "chums" never come to Glasionbur-They have the Cafe de Paris. and we have a field full of mud and magic. It would be unseemly for them to gatecrash Guon(est 1998.)



### Magic out of the blue

THERE are fleeting moments in the all-enveloping existential void when we feel we are not alone; when something or someone touches our very soul, when the world doesn't seem such a harsh place. when things seem to make sense. A tender, sloppy kiss can do the trick: so can a great pop concert. The Blue Nile gave such a concert last Tuesday night in Dublin's Olympia Theatre.

In their 13-year career, the Glaswegian band have recorded only three albums. The first two, 1984's A Walk Acress the Rooftops and 1989's Hats. are flawless masterpieces. The third - last year's Peace at Last - is flawed, but contains at least two songs that could conceivably rank as their finest moments.

Exactly what it is that makes the Blue Nile so special, so magical, is hard to pinpoint. Why does the Mona Lisa's smile beguile? One can but stare in awe and wonder. Lead singer Paul Buchanan's lyries are often observa-

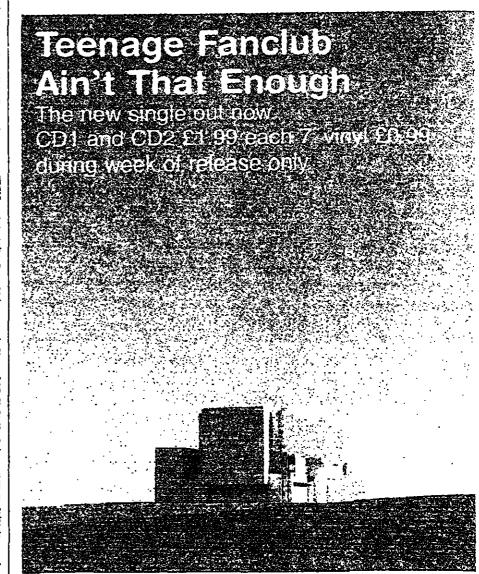
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tional but have a lush, cinematic quality that somehow manages to imbue the most ostensibly unspectacular of activities - such as going into town on a Saturday night (Saturday Night), or watching a loved one read a novel or listen to the radio of a Sunday morning (Easter Parade) with a significance and romanticism that can sweep the feet from under you.

As the moods shift, so does the stage lighting, and indeed the instruments used by the six musicians — a delicate acoustic guitar here, a caress of an ethereal keyboard there. all played with intense concentration and quiet joy.

The final encore. mesmerising cover of the old standard, I Left My Heart in San Francisco, would have brought Tony Bennett himself to his feet. It certainly brought the Olympia crowd to theirs.

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conducts the English Chamber Conducts the English Chamber Orchestra in a gala concert in aid of Salisbury Carthoda Trust, Murray Perahas joins the ECO for Beethoven's Plane Concorto No. 4, which is followed

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DANCE: Debra Craine reports on the Royal Ballet School's golden gala at Covent Garden

# Madam's butterflies

mances are always a time for celebration. But this year's Royal Ballet School performance had more to celebrate than usual. It is 50 years since Dame Ninette de Valois's tiny school moved to its present site in west London, from where it established itself as one of the world's leading training institutions. And it is also the start of de Valois's centenary year a year which ends with her 100th birthday next June. So Tuesday's golden jubilee was quite rightly dedicated to the formidable woman fondly known as Madam.

David Bintley's pièce d'occasion, Le Festin de l'araignée (The Spider's Feast), was his present to the Royal Ballet's founder. Set to Roussel's 1913 ballet score, it gave the stu-dents a suitable if slightly predictable vehicle to show off their skills as entertainers. Roussel's allegorical insect world is rich with character, but Bintley gave his cast of Mayflies. Caterpillars and Wasps too little detail to play with in the choreography.

Ruari Murchison's witty costumes helped enormously: the Caterpillars were dressed like Cio-Cio-San; the Wasps like First World War airmen. The set, with its gigantic white wicker chair and soft green backdrop, suggested a peaceful garden in which human beings are comfortably oblivious to the life-and-death struggles taking place in the grass. Bintley's choreography also

cal strength of the students, with some tricky pointe work for the girls and even a little parmering for the boys. And all age groups were represented: the youngest made up the

army of scurrying ants. · Jerry Douglas, white napkin at his throat, clearly had a great time as the Spider. He turned in a charmingly creepy performance as the arachnid who is desperate for a meal, and with his long limbs looked typecast for the part. Angela Paul, Imogen Wearing and Begona Cao were a lovely trio of Caterpillars, while Kenta Kura was an animated Praying Mantis. And Carol-Anne Millar, lead Mayfly, was a natural comedienne.

t was the turn of the grown-ups after the interval. Principals from the Royal Ballet and Birmingham Royal Ballet, all graduates of the school, danced a series of divertissements from Swan Lake, Coppélia, Giselle and The Sleeping Beauty. Leanne Benjamin really went for it with her Giselle, and Darcey Bussell positively glowed in her Rose Adagio, despite having an apparent difference of opinion with the conductor Paul Murphy. Then it was the Defile, with students, staff and dancers all paying tribute to de Valois. Princess Margaret joined them on the Covent Garden stage; a spotlight revealed the presence of Madam sought to challenge the physi-



Miniature world: the Mayflies in David Bintley's new ballet Le Festin de l'araignée

THE ways of opera companies are indeed weird and wonderful. European Chamber Opera's Pasquale is sung in Italian of varying degrees of comprehensibility - the cast is of course entirely English-speaking. I could detect no plane-loads of Italian tourists flooding into Holland Park on Tuesday, and anyway the Royal Borough's Libraries and Arts Services are presumably catering for audiences nearer home. With the best will in the world, these modestly gifted soloists are not about to be flown out to Bologna to substitute for ailing locals, so that's no excuse. Can anyone explain

this bewildering betise? The lack of communication between stage and auditorium naturally had its effect on Jamie Hayes's perky production: to prevent communal slumber, he

## Puzzled in the park

had to rely on visual diversion rather than old-fashioned words and notes. The programme said that the opera was set in Rome, but the action opened with Pasquale reading a London newspaper dating from 1963 with

headlines about the Profumo scandal. As far as I could tell, this heralded no interesting dramaturgical subtext, merely an excuse for Norina and her circle to sport garish 1960s frocks, not all of them flattering to the wearers. and for the designer Will Bowen to decorate his neatly organised set with icons from the period — Che Guevara. Ringo Starr, Roy Lichtenstein et al.

Lack of communication was tacitly

Don Pasquale Holland Park

admitted in the use of extras: on the whole the main characters addressed their big solo numbers to other people on stage, not out to us. Alan Fairs started out promisingly as a bald, tweedy Pasquale - everyone's favourite uncle - but couldn't quite surmount the problem of having to turn into a

completely different character in the

red shoes and a mangy wig. Naomi Harvey's brittle, commanding Norina failed to suggest much warmth of heart, and without that the action becomes creepier than it should be. Stewart, who has done valuable work for ETO and Opera North, but his brash, graceless and at times ill-tuned delivery of Ernesto's music should have been prevented.

second act, with purple velvet trousers.

The conductor Jonathan Tilbrook beat time efficiently without quite suggesting what it was about this glorious score that he wanted to communicate to an audience. But the audience seemed to love it all, so I'd better crawl back under my stone.

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### Factors in sentencing for burglary

Regina v Brewster Regina v Thorpe Regina v Ishmael Regina v Blanchard Regina v Woodhouse Regina v H (R) Before Lord Bingham of Comhill, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice

Maurice Kay and Mr Justice Timothy Walker Judgment June 27

Domestic burglary was, and always had been regarded as a very serious offence. The seriousness of the offence could vary almost infinitely from case to case and es tended to reflect that.

Lord Bingham of Comhill so stated when delivering the reserved judgment of the Court of Appeal on six appeals brought with leave of the single judge and heard together. All the appellants had pleaded guilty to offences of domestic burglary in having entered as trespassers with intent to steal or, having entered, had

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Five of the appellants all appealed against prison sentences:
Alex Edward Brewster aged 51,
against nine years; Terence
Thorpe, aged 33, against four
years; Mark Ishmuel, aged 32, against four years: Wayne Blan-chard, aged 25, against two and a half years; and Michael Charles Woodhouse, aged 49, against two years. H(R), who was 15 at the time he committed four burglaries, was sentenced to four years detention under section 53(2) of the Children and Young Persons Act 1933.

Mr Giles Tipoett for Brewster. Mr Timothy Becker for Thorpe, Mr Gareth E. Morley for Ishma Mr Martyn Levett for Blanchard. Mr Nicholas Hamblin for Woodhouse, Mr Peter I. Clark for H(R), all assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals; Mr David

THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE said that the offences referred to in section 9(1)(a) of the Theft Act 1968 were stealing anything in the building or inflicting grievous bodily harm on or raping any person in the building, or doing unlawful damage to the building

Where the building was a dwelling house, the maximum sentence

was 14 years imprisonment. For aggravated burglary where the burglar had with him a firearm or imitation firearm, or an offensive weapon or any explosive. and for robbery involving the use or threat of force, the maximum sentence was life imprisonment.

Noteworthy was the fact that in 1991, when the maximum penalty for non-domestic burglary was reduced to 10 years, the maximum penalty for dwelling-house burglary was left unaftered.

His Lordship reviewed the cursentencing and continued that the prison population was growing rapidly. From a total of 48,000 in April 1994, it had climbed to nearly 61,000. Some 10,000 of them were domestic burglaries. As to the framework of sentenc-

ing, by section 1(2)(a) of the Criminal Justice Act 1991, the court could not ordinarily pass a custodial sentence on an offender unless it was of the opinion that the offence, or the combination of the offence and one or more offences associated with it, as defined in section 31(2), was so serious that only such a sentence could be justified for the offence: R v Bradbourn ((1988) 7 Cr App R (S) 180; R v Cox (1993) 1 WLR 188).

That test had been criticised as imprecise, which it was: but it was not easy to devise a more satisfac tory test. Car confirmed that the court was not required to pass a criterion of seriousness was

the offence the court was permitted by section 29 of the Criminal Justice Act 1991 to take into account any previous convictions of the offender and any failure to respond to previous sentences and it required the court to treat commission of the offence while on bail as an aggravating factor. The prevalence of an offence had been held to affect its seriousness and was legitimate to consider in length: R v Cunningham (1993) 1 WLR 183).

When a court was sentencing a young offender, almost always it would be appropriate to impo shorter sentence than would be imposd on an adult, and a deterrent sentence on a young offender might be imposed provided it was commensurate with the serious-

ness of the offence: Cunningham. Under section 48 of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 a court deciding sentence on an oftender who pleaded guilty was required to take into account the stage in the proceedings at which to plead guilty and the circum-stances in which the indication

As to the offence domestic burglary was and always had been regarded as a very serious offence. Even when it did not involve considerable loss the victim, might lose possessions of particular value to him or her.

Insured financial compensation did not replace what was lost. Uninsured victims because they might have fewer possessions, were more seriously injured by the loss of those they did have.

The loss of material possessions was, however, only part and often a minor part of the reason why domestic burglary was a serious offence. Most people legitimately attached importance to the privacy and security of their own homes. That an intruder should break in or enter for his own dishonest purposes left the victim with a nse of violation and insecurity.

Even when the victim was unaware at the time that the burglar was in the house, it could be a frightening experience to learn that a burglary has taken place, all the more frightening if the victim was in the house w the burglary took place and if the intrusion took place at night.

That did not mean the offence was not serious if the victim the daytime to find that it had been

could vary almost infinitely from impulsive act involving an object of little value, reaching through a

window to take a bottle of milk, or stealing a can of petrol from an

At the other end of the spectrum might involve a professional. planned organisation, directed at bjects of high value, or the offence might be deliberately directed at the elderly, the disabled or the sick, and it might involve repeated burglaries of the same premises. It might sometimes be accompanied by acts of wanton vandalism.

The offender's record was of more significance in the case of domestic burglars whose records howed that, from an early age, they had behaved as prepreying on their fellow citizens. ng to their trade almost as soon as each prison sentence had been served. Such defendants had to receive substantial terms of

domestic burglars whose activities were different in character, whose careers might lack any element of were entitled to more lenient

Many domestic burglars wen drug addicts who burgled and stole in order to raise money to satisfy their craving for drugs. Self-induced addiction could not be relied on as mitigation.

Generally speaking, domestic burglaries were the more serious if Thorpe, Ishmael, Blanchard and Woodhouse was dismissed. were of occupied houses at night; the result of professions planning, organisation or execu-tion; targeted at the elderly, the disabled and the sick; if there were repeated visits to the same nises; if they were committed by persistent offenders; accompaied by vandalism or any wanion injury to the victim; shown to have a seriously traumatic effect on the victim; if the offender operated as favour of quashing the sentence and substituting a supervision one of a group; if goods of high mental, were targeted or taken; if force was used or threatened; if

judgment as detracting from the general rule that there was no itigation in drug addiction as the there was a pattern of repeat motivation for crime. Their Lordships were also conscious of the fact that H(R) had served the It mitigated the seriousness of the offence if the offender pleaded guilty, particularly if the plea was indicated at an early stage and there was hard evidence of genuine

Solicitors: Crown Prosecution

### Dividing partnership profits on dissolution

Popat v Shonchhatra Before Lord Justice Nourse, Lord Justice Evans and Sir Ralph

Gibson [Judgment June 25]

Their Lordships had been re-

ferred to a large number of

burglary over the past 20 years. Rv

Edwards; R v Brandy (The Times

July 1, 1996), if read more literally

than the court intended, could be

understood as making too sharp a

distinction between occupied and

unoccupied houses and as pointing

towards what might in some cases

An overall survey of the cases

1 Burglary of a dwelling-house.

occupied or unoccupied, was not

necessarily and in all cases an offence of such seriousness that a

non-custodial sentence could not

2 The decision whether a custodial

sentence was required, and if so

the length of such sentence, was

heavily dependent on the aggravating and mitigating fea-

tures and, usually, to a lesser extent, the personal circumstances

3 The courts, particularly the

higher courts, had generally re-flected in their sentences the

abhorrence with which the public

regarded those who burgled the

His Lordship then turned to etailed consideration of the in-

dividual appeals and stated that in

each case the appeal of Brewster.

As to H(R), to describe his

personal history as tragic was an understatement. He had become

addicted to crack cocaine. With

hesitation and anxiety their Lord-

ships had concluded that the case

was so excentional that the in-

No one should interpret the

be justified.

of the offender.

uses of others.

be too low a level of sentence.

The capital and revenue profits of a partnership that were realised after its dissolution were divisible equally between the partners pursuant to section 24 of the Partnership Act 1890 and not in shares corresponding to the partners' respective shares of the capital of the partnership as at the

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment allowing an appeal by the plaintiff, Rajendra Popat, against part of the judg-ment in favour of the defendant, Dinesh Shonchhatra, by Mr David Neuberger, QC, sitting as a deputy judge of the Chancery Division (The Times May 4, 1995; [1995] I WLR 908).

Section 24 of the 1890 Act provides: The interests of partand their rights and dut determined ... by the following rules: (1) All the partners entitled to share equally in the capital and profits of the business, and must contribute equally to-

Mr Aditya Kumar Sen for the plaintiff: Mr Marc Beaumont, who did not appear below, for the

LORD JUSTICE NOURSE said that the parties were in partner-ship together in the business of a newsagent from September 1989 to January 1990. The business was carried on at leasehold premises, the lease having been assigned to the partners in joint names, to-gether with fixtures and fittings and the goodwill of the business.

The cost of acquiring those assets was funded by bank loans and by £4,564 from the plaintiff £23,064 from the defendant. £2,700 of the plaintiff's contribution was funded by a loan from the

The partnership was at will and, was determined by the plaintiff on January 10, 1990. Thereafter the defendant carried on the busin on his own and in July 1990

premises for £80,000. Two and a half years after the dissolution of the partnership, the premises. together with the goodwill and the fixtures and fittings were sold by the defendant at a profit.

The plaintiff sought the discharge of declarations made in paragraphs 3 and 5 of the judge's order and the substitution therefor of declarations that the freehold of the partnership premises and the issolution capital profits were held and were to be apportioned respectively between the partners in equal shares.

To answer the questions thus arising, it was necessary to restate basic principles as to first, the partnership and its assets, and, second, the nature and size of a partner's share of the assets. In 1989, when the leasehold

premises, fixtures and fittings and the goodwill were acquired they became "partnership property" to be held and applied exclusively for the purposes of the partnership nursuant to section 20(1) of the 1890

Although it was customary to speak of a partner's "share" of the accurate description of his interest in them, in all events so long as the partnership was a going concern. While each partner had a proprietary interest in each and every asset he had no entitlement to any

specific asset. On dissolution the position was in substance not much different, the partnership property falling to be applied in accordance with sections 39 and 44 of the Act. Turning to the size of a partner's

share, the opening words of section 24 generated an expectation that its subsequent provisions would prescribe the entitlement, subject to any agreement, of the partners to share in the partnership property. On further perusal, that expectation was disappointed, subsection referring only to "the capital and profits of the business" and none of the other subsections being

It was thus necessary to have resort to the rule, established well recognised by section 24, that, subject to any agreement, all the equally in the partnership property: see Lindley & Banks on Partnership (16th edition (1990) pp540-542).

It was thus implicit that "copital" in section 24(1) could not be construed so as to include the partnership property. The view of the current editor of Lindley & Banks, Mr R. C. l'Anson Banks, that "capital" should be given its normal meaning was correct.

But doubtless the slightest indication of an implied agreement between the partners that their shares of capital should corre spond with their contributions to it would suffice to displace the proshare equally.

The plaintiff did not suggest that ne was entitled to share equally in the capital of the partnership. His case depended not on "capital" in section 24(1) but on "profits" which clearly included capital as well as ue profits.

Thus, in summary, the position was that at all material times the plaintiff and the defendant were entitled to share in the capital of the partnership in proportions corresponding to their respective contributions to the cost of acquiring the leasehold premises, tures, littings and the goodwill of the business but that they were entitled to share equally in the assets of the partnership.

It followed that the judge ought revenue profits during the postion period between the partners in equal shares. Likewise he should have held the parties be entitled to equal shares in the capital profits made on the sale in

Finally, the judge erred in holdshold of the premises in trust for the partners in the proportions in in the assets. For the reasons dy stated, he ought to have held that the freehold was held in trust for the partners in equal

Ralph Gibson agreed. Simmons. Borehamwood; Seymour Major &

### Restricted reporting order made without jurisdiction

In re A v B. Ex parte News Group Newspapers Ltd Before Mr Justice Morison

[Judgment June 27] A restricted reporting order made ment Appeal Tribunal in an appeal from a decision of an industrial tribunal upholding a complaint of sexual harassment by a transsexual was discharged on the application of a newspaper group on the ground that it was not

made within the statutory jurisdiction of the appeal tribunal. Section 31(2) of the Industrial Tribunals Act 1996 defined the circumstances in which a re-stricted reporting order forbidding from publishing anything which might reveal the identity of the parties named in the originating application could be made by the appeal tribunal: namely, on appeals from an industrial tribunal's grant or refusal to grant a restrictive reporting order or appeals from interlocutory decisions of the tribunal where the tribunal had made such an order. and that since neither circumstance applied in the present case

Mr Justice Morison so held at the Employment Appeal Tribunal on an application by News Groups Newspapers Ltd on February 24, 1997, with regard to a complaint of sexual harassment by the ap-

the order should not have been

plicant, A. against her employers, B, which had been subject to a restricted reporting order before the industrial tribunal and also on

appeal.

The ground of the application was that the appeal tribunal did not have the power to make such an order in the circumstances of the case.

News Group; Mr John Bowers for the employers; Ms Stephanie Harrison for the applicant.

that there were several questions to Were the press entitled to make representations to the appeal tribunal about a restricted reporting order and if so in what

Ms Gillian Phillips, solicitor, for

MR JUSTICE MORISON said

tion of section 31(2) of the 1996 Act? Whether the appeal tribunal had an inherent power to make an

Whether the decision of the industrial tribunal on the complaint was interlocutory and whether the appeal tribunal's order should be discharged. Whenever the press wished to

make representations about a gagging order made by the appeal tribunal, it should apply to be joined as a party. The application would not be automatically granted. A good case for joinder

motion. News Group Newspapers had been joined as a party at the outset of the proceedings and in those circumstances Ms Harrison's submission that the press had no standing to make submissions became unsustainable. The natural reading of section

31(2) was that it defined the circumstances in which the Employment Appeal Tribunal Rules (SI 1993 No 2854) might provide for the making of a restricted reporting order. Parliament had authorised rules

to be made which permitted a restricted reporting order to be made in those circumstances which section 31(2) had specified: appeals from a tribunal's grant or refusal to grant a restricted reporting order or appeals from interlocutory decisions of the tribunal where the industrial tribunal had made such an order.

Neither of the two circumstance in which there was power to make restricted reporting order

There was a good argument for saying that the appeal tribunal had an inherent jurisdiction to nad an innerent jurisdiction to make a restricted reporting order. But if, as his Lordship believed, Parliament had weighed the circumstances in which it would be appropriate to make a gagging order, it would be difficult to justify resorting to an inherent jurisdiction to extend those circumstances.

industrial tribunal's decision Ms Harrison submitted that the industrial tribunal had reached a decision on liability but not on remedy, and that since it had not made a determination of the originating application the appeal

But his Lordship considered that under no technical definition of an interlocutory decision could it be said that the tribunal's decision on liability was such a decision. The order was not made within the statutory jurisdiction of the appeal tribunal and should be

Once a decision of an industrial tribunal had been entered in the register, the appeal tribunal should not try to shut the stable would be open to any newspaper to inspect the register and look at the decision on liability and see the names of the parties That order protected the identity of until after the decision had been

But for the fact that the indus trial tribunal had made a further order when it announced its decision purporting to protect the identity of the parties, the press would have been able to have given a full report of the proceed ings. The question of the effect and lawfulness of that order had not

Ms Phillips had accepted that

until that had been clarified the newspapers she represented would not report the name His Lordship did not consider that, without evidence, there could

be any ground for protecting for

ever a person's identity merely

because he or she was a News Group were right to ask his Lordship to intervene and to do so by becoming a party to the proceedings. The appeal in respect of which he had made a restricted reporting order was not one which permitted the making of such an

Solicitors: Ms Gillian Phillips. Wapping: Cheyney Goulding, Guildford: Tyndailwoods,

### Using head as a weapon

Regina v Rigg Although head-butting did not technically involve the use of a weapon, the head was nonetheless dangerous and effective substitute for a weapon and a very using the head in such a way.

The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division (Lord Justice McCowan and Mr Justice Sedley) so held on May 15 in allowing an appeal by Kenneth Mark Rigg against a

ment imposed in December 1996 by Judge Holman at Manches Crown Court on his conviction of unlawful wounding contrary to section 20 of the Offences against the Person Act 1861. The sentence

was reduced to two years. LORD JUSTICE McCOWAN said that the court took a very serious view of head-butting and also of such attacks again publican who had the task of clearing his public house at closing time without any trouble. However, in R v Clarke ((1992) 13 Cr App R (S) 640), a similar case, a two-year sentence was reduced on appeal to one year.

Their Lordships thought Clarke had been fortunate indeed in his final sentence but accepted that the case provided some assistance to this appellant and with some hesitation were prepared to reduce his sentence by six months.

#### On the issue of the nature of the Of the appeal tribunal's own 'Offence' does not include conspiracy

Regina v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Gilmore and

Before Lord Justice Pill and Mr Justice Astill [Judgment June 6]

The phrase "an offence under the

Act" could not be construed so as to include a conspiracy to commit an offence under the Act. The repeal of the Extradition Act 1870 did not free the Anglo-American Extradition Treaty from the constraints of Schedule I to that

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in a reserved judgment when allowing applica-tions for judicial review by James Bell Gilmore of a decision by the Department on December 6, 1996 to issue an order to proceed under paragraph 4(2) of Schedule I to the Extradition Act 1989 in respect of offences of conspiracy to commit offences under the Thelt Act 1968 and conspiracy to defraud, and by Andrew Olahayo Ogun of a decision by the secretary of state on January 29, 1997 to issue an order

Miss Clare Montgomery, QC. for Mr Gilmore; Mr John Hardy for Mr Ogun: Mr James Lewis for the secretary of state.

LORD JUSTICE PILL said that the United States government sought the extradition of the two applicants for conspiracies to defraud and to commit offences under the 1968 Act. The issue was whether those named offences of conspiracy were extradition

It was first contended by Mr Lewis that the offences of conspir-acy had always been extradition crimes within Schedule 1 of the Extradition Act 1870. That Schedule, as amended by the Schedule to the Extradition Act 1873 and Schedule Z. Part II to the 1968 Act, included offences under the 1968 Act, but not conspiracy to defraud or to contravene the 1968 Act contrary to section I(I) of the Criminal Law Act 1977, as substituted by section 5 of the Criminal Attempts Act 1981.

Mr Lewis had argued, relying on the words of Lord Diplock in In Re Nielson [[1984] | AC 606, 615A].

1870 Act were broad enough to include the conspiracy offences. His Lordship referred to Government of the United States of America v Bowe ([1990] 1 AC 500,

521), also dealing with Schedule 1 to the 1870 Act, where Lord Lowry had said: "Where the description of the listed offence is specific, as with rape, perjury, arson, burglary or murder, the offence of a conspiracy or an attempt to commit those offences cannot be included in the list by implication. . . " His Lordship respectfully agreed with Lord Lowry. In his Lordship's judgment the ex-

> could not be construed so as to include a conspiracy to commit an offence under the Act. The second submission of Mr Lewis was that the repeal of the 1870 Act by section 37(1) of and Schedule 2 to the Extradition Act 1989 had the effect of freeing the Anglo-American Treaty, which was brought into operation by the United States of America (Extra-dition) Order (SI 1976 No 2144), from the constraints imposed by

pression "an offence under the Act"

dition crimes" must now be in either the Anglo-American Treaty, or Section 2 of the 1989 Act. That submission failed because the procedures of the 1870 Act were

preserved by the 1989 Act. The relevant delinition of "extradition crimes" in paragraph 20 of Schedule I to the 1989 Act was to be construed, according to that paragraph, by reference to the relevant Order in Council under the 1870 Act, which was the 1976 Order as it had effect immediately before the coming into force of the 1989 Act. Paragraph 3 of that Order provided that the 1870 Act should apply as amended and extended by

sequent enactments. The Treaty was not freed from the 1870 Act and could limit but not extend the Schedule I list. Par-liament intended Schedule I of the after the 1989 Act came into force. Therefore the applications would be allowed and the orders to proceed quashed.

Lord Justice Astill agreed. Solicitors: Roynolds Dawson: Thanki Novy Taube; Treasury

which was that section 371 was a

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Justice Phillips agreed.

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to proceed under the same pro-

Ross v Telford and Another Before Lord Justice Nourse, Lord Justice Roch and Lord Justice

Judgment June 24 The power of the court under section 371 of the Companies Act 1985 to order a meeting was a procedural provision not designed to affect shareholders, noting the parameter of the param power between shareholders so as

to resolve deadlock between two equal shareholders. The Court of Appeal so held allowing an appeal by Mrs Elaine Telford, a 50 per cent shareholder of Linkside Development Co Ltd. from an order of Judge Howarth. sitting as a judge of the Chancery Division at Manchester District Registry on November 18, 1996, that had the effect of enabling Mr Peter Leslie Ross, the other 50 per cent shareholder of the company. together with his solicitor, to

outvote Mrs Telford on the board of the company. Section 371 of the 1985 Act

"(i) If for any reason it is impracticable to call a meeting of a company in the manner in which meetings of that company may be called, or to conduct the meeting in manner prescribed by the articles or this Act, the court may ... order a meeting to be called, held and conducted in any manner the court

thinks fit. "(2) Where such an order is made, the court may give such ancillary or consequential direc-tions as it thinks expedient; and these may include a direction that one member of the company present in person or by proxy be deemed to constitute a meeting. . . Mr Richard Lander for Mrs Telford; Mr Robert Sterling for Mr

LORD JUSTICE NOURSE said called the principle of the thing.

Power not designed to end deadlock that the question was whether section 371 was an appropriate vehicle for resolving deadlock between two equal shareholders.

Schedule I to the 1870 Act.

Relying on In re Opera Photo-graphic Ltd (1989) ! WLR 634) and In re Sticky Fingers Restaurant Ltd ([1991] BCC 754) Mr Sterling But those two decisions went no further than showing that the court could make orders so as to prevent a minority shareholder from using quorum tactics to stop a majority shareholder from exercising the voting rights at-

It did not follow from them that the court could make an order so as to permit a 50 per cent shareholder to override the wishes of the other 50 per cent share-holder. That was the result of the order made by the judge.

Mr Lander relied on what he

procedural section not designed to affect substantive voting rights or to shift the balance of power between shareholders in a case where they had agreed that power should be shared equally and where the potential deadlock was mething which had to be taken to have been agreed on with the consent and for the protection of

section 371 to override a potentia of the two equal shareholders.

Similarly, there no power under taken to have been imposed with

deadlock at board or general meeting level which had to be the consent and for the protection

The judge had no jurisdiction to regulate the affairs in the way he Lord Justice Roch and Lord

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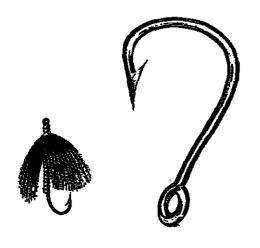
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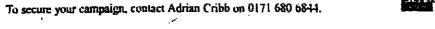
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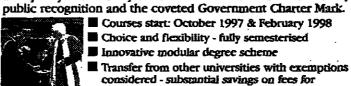
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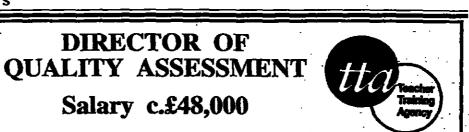


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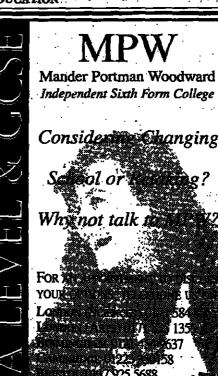
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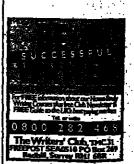
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### **EDUCATION**

## On with the revolution

Ray Cowell sets out the fundamental challenge for the Dearing inquiry into higher education

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xpectations are running high, but it seems unlikely that the recommendations of Sir Ron Dearing's inquiry into higher education later this month will be either revolutionary or revelatory. Nor should they be. The past decade has already witnessed a radical revolution in the size and nature of higher education. A key tech of the Daniel of the task of the Dearing inquiry was to learn the long-term lessons of that revolution. and to incorporate them into an affordable vision of the place of higher education within regional and national agenda.

This, it should not be forgotten, is the third big education inquiry chaired by Sir Ron. It will complete the broad objectives set out in the earlier reports, which established, for the five-to-19 age groups, a clear framework of qualifications, skills, targets and agencies for an education system in tune with the needs of modern critizenship and global competitiveness.

Acknowledging E.M. Forster, my university, in its submission to Dearing, advised: "Only connect." Predictably, some parts of the higher education community will wish to disconnect, stratify and fragment.

The key elements of a "post-Dearing" higher education system already exist; the task now is to "connect" them, in every sense of that word, including electronically. We do not need any new "big ideas", only a willingness to build on the revolution of the past decade. A few

examples spring to mind.

Many universities have pioneered links with further education in ways that provide diverse and lifelong opportunities for learners of all ages, often from deprived backgrounds. Such developments have taken place through local and regional partnerships. These initiatives must be nurtured. The higher education dimension of the training and enterprise councils (Tecs) particularly needs further development. The imposition of, for example, North American community college models could be damaging. Many of these FE/HE relationships are already capable of developing two year associate degrees at GNVQ level 4, their quality assured and their student progression routes defined by the FEATE parameter.

Another key element of the report is likely to be the place of higher education within a broad regional agenda. Inva few special cases, such regionalism might be enhanced through institutional mergers, but there are larger issues at stake. Genuine regionalism should focus on higher education's contribution to wide regiona agenda, focused on such issues as urban regeneration, the environment inward investment and skills audits, all involving connections and partnerships that build on the innovations of the past decade.

The compulsory professional training of lecturers is another likely recommendation. The temptation will be to bring in a new broom and set up a uniform system of accreditation. A better way forward would be to take account of the pioneering work in professional qua-lifications and staff development already



IT lessons: part of a framework for an education system in tune with the needs of modern citizenship

vigorous and co-ordinated lifelong system of professional training and development. The work many universities have under-taken, through Investors in People, the Universities and Colleges Staff Develop-ment Agency and the Staff and Educational Development Association, can be strengthened into a demanding set of professional qualifications.

he importance of "key" graduate skills and employability will also loom large. Sandwich courses and work-based/experimental learning provide a widely valued basis for the introduction of advanced vocational qualifications that would reconcile academic and vocational concerns.

Underpinning all the report's recommendations should be a determination to establish and verify rigorous standards. Here the "post-Dearing" dehate should focus on threshold-graduate standards, not on the clusive quest for exact comparability. The much-maligned exter-

undertaken, and to graft onto such stock a nal examiner system is capable of being strengthened to provide the assurance that the Government will seek. Employers would also welcome the introduction of graduate profiles, supplementing the existing degree classification system by describing assessed learning outcomes in. for example, communication, IT, teamworking and the other foundation skills

> If such a higher education system can be made accessible and affordable through, for example, a "learning bank" with individual learning accounts funded by individual. Government and employer contributions, then the recent policy uncertainties underlying the period of consolidation" could give way to affordable and equitable expansion towards 40 per cent 18 to 21 participation as advocated by the CBI, and lifelong

for lifelong learning.

learning opportunities. In short, there is no need to rerun the debates of the 1980s, or to marginalise the achievements of that decade. Higher education, at present, resembles nothing so much as a vast jigsaw that requires simply patience, co-operation and ingenuity to transform into a millennial vision. We are not awaiting a radical report such as the 1960s Robbins committee's, but one that, properly interpreted, will help us to place higher education within the mainstream of national life. The big ideas of the future are about establishing a learning society, learning organisations, a "university for industry" and the related

electronic learning networks. They all de-

pend on a higher education sector that has

the confidence, and resources, to engage in vigorous dialogue with society at large. A learning society beckons. If universities can, with Dearing's help, learn from the past decade, their place within that society will be central and creative. Dearing can confidently be expected to focus the issues but it will not change the fundamental challenge - of grasping and taking forward the full social implications of the recent higher education revolution. ● The author is Vice-Chancellor of Notting-

### Heads against a brick wall

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Poor pay is only one reason some schools are finding it hard to recruit, says John Rae

chools are facing a crisis of leadership. The calibre of the head teacher is the most important factor that determines whether a school flourishes or declines; yet we are allowing a situation to develop where headships are lying vacant because people with the right qualities are no longer interested in applying for the

Nationally, 21 per cent of heads' posts have to be readvertised; the figure for London primary schools is 50 per cent. One reason for this is that many heads have simply had enough, and there has been a dramatic increase in those taking early retirement.

In the independent sector, vacant

headships are rare, but many schools report difficulties in drawing up a workable shortlist. Independent heads, too, are retiring early or seeking jobs outside education. Headhunters who recently moved into the education field were surprised at how many inquiries they received from independent heads wanting to leave the profession.

So what is going wrong? The National Association of Head Teachers believes that in state schools it is a question of money, and that heads salaries are "not worth the candle". They are, it claims, falling II per cent behind industry managers' pay. The head of a state secondary school earns on average £46,000, whereas many heads of independent senior schools earn more than £80,000. The average salary of a state primary head is £31,000, which would be viewed with derision by anyone applying to be head of an independent junior school.

Better salaries may well improve the recruitment situation in state schools, but there is another and possibly more fundamental reason why fewer people are attracted to the job, and that is the increased tension between the head and

the governing body.

Though state and independent schools have different constitutions, the cause of this tension is the same: who is responsible for running the school? The last Government gave too much power to governors of state schools to the point that they can, if they wish, usurp the head's role. To make the job worthwhile, the head, though accountable to the governing body, must be solely responsible for running the school. Governors, however hard-working, are amateurs and should have no role in professional matters such as the appointment of staff.

If David Blunkett wants to improve the flow of good candidates for headships of state schools, he should review not only the salaries but the balance of nower between the head and the governors. There is no sign that this is one of the Secretary of State's priorities, but there will never be enough men and women of ability coming forward until heads are given the freedom and authority to do the job without amateur intervention.

The constitutions of independent schools make it clear that the head is the chief executive, but as the competi-

tion intensifies, some governing bodies are seeking ways to exert greater control over the running of the school. More than ever, heads are in conflict with their governing body.

Some hawkish governors want to treat their heads like football managers. In a recent case a head was offered only a two-year contract. The Headmasters' and Headmistresses' Conference (HMC), which has opposed fixed-term contracts, has been forced to accept an increasing number of contracts for ten years or less.

This is now a big deterrent for men and women thinking of applying for the headship of an independent school. They fear they may be out in the cold long before they can draw their pension. Very few independent heads have found worthwhile jobs outside education. They are seen, unfairly perhaps, not as team players but



absolute monarchs who would be difficult to fit into an organisation.

The truth is that the skills required to be a successful head do not transfer easily to other jobs. Short-term contracts have brought this problem into focus, yet neither HMC nor the Governing Bodies Association has given thought to a solution. The Armed Services have long recognised that if people are to be attracted to short-term contracts, they will need help to find a job when the contract ends. If the independent sector continues to ignore this issue, the supply of good heads will continue to dry up.

The idea of the head as an endan-

gered species will provoke incredulity in the staffroom and mirth behind the bicycle sheds, but it could become a reality if governors interfere too much or care too little about the head they have discarded. A national professional qualification for headship may improve the head's management skills, but it is the men and women with that extra quality - vision, charisma, force of personality -- who are most likely to be deterred if the head is expected to be the governing body's poodle.

• The author is a former chairman of HMC. His Letters to Parents will be published

### Schools 1, colleges 0

rtner of m orden Brown's sur-prise boost for edu-cation in Wednesday's Budget confirmed in stark terms the new Government's priorities. Schools would be bailed out to the tune of more than £1 billion next year, universities and colleges get nothing. The settlement offers

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proof, if any was needed. that university students are about to face tuition fees. It is also had news in the short. term; at least, for further education, which made its own high-profile case for better treatment only hours before Mr Brown spoke.

By an accident of timing.

July has turned out to be education policy month. Helena Kennedy, QC, published her report on further education this week, the schools White Paper will follow on Monday and Sir Ron Dearing's review of higher education will complete the set before the end of the month. The clear message from

the Budget was that Tony. Blair's promise to make "education, education and education" the top priorities for his Government applied first and foremost to schools. Further and higher education would have to find new sources of funding - graduates and employers - to tackle their problems.

Labour made it clear before the election that any new resources would be concentrated on the younger age groups. The Budget contained a nod in the direction of universal nursery education, as well as enough new money to convince teachers that the new Government really would offer support as

well as pressure.
Assuming the "modest" increase for teachers that



John O'Leary

looks at the Budget boost

ministers have demanded. the extra £1 billion for recur-. rent spending should leave schools with a real-terms increase of about I per cent. David Whitbread, the Local Government Association's education officer, said: "it will not mean a bonanza for schools, but we are closer to what we need than we have been for some years." Schools would be wise not

to expect such favourabletreatment in future years but, so long as local authorities do not divert the money to other services, they should be able to improve stocks of books and equipment, as well as to ensure that class sizes do not rise again next year. David Blunkett, the Education and Employment Secretary, will be able to claim that he has delivered his side of the bargain when he calls next

week for greater efforts.

Universities will have

surprised, to be left out. But the decision makes some type of graduate contributions essential if growing financial worries are to be addressed. Free tuition has been on the way out for some months: the only question now is whether universities can wait for a government system.

The real losers, however,

must be the 450 further education colleges, many of them already in financial difficulty. The Kennedy report, though not expected to produce instant riches, was the sector's bid for a new deal. Some of the ideas involved other sources of cash. such as students and the National Lottery, but, inevitably, much of the burden would fall on the State.

College principals did not have to wait for the Budget to tell that this would not be their year. Kim Howells, Minister for Lifelong Learning, responding instantly to the report, recognised the need of colleges for extra resources, but made it clear that the solution would not be found in the public purse.

ifting the responsibility neatly to employers, he said: "We want industry to understand that it has got to play its part in the development of further education, and it has got to be a big part" In place of even the vagu-

est promises, the colleges were treated to the pious hope that taking a turther education course would soon be regarded on equal terms with an Oxford or Cambridge degree. They will hope that another White Paper promised for the auturun is more realistic.

Susan Elkin commends an enlightened exam system

ham Trent University.

ral examinations are still anathema to some teachers. Perhaps they have not encountered the unusually supportive, flexible examination system the English Speaking Board (ESB) offers. This seems to help participants to speak out more confidently and fluently than any other teaching method I have encountered. Nowhere is this more evident than in Guernsey. "These are my palms," said

Nicola, aged nine, to her year 5 class at Vale Junior School, as she swirled her huge red and vellow ceremonial majorette plumes back and forth at arm's length. After she had answered lots of well-expressed questions from her audience, it was Stephen's turn to talk about and demonstrate roller-blading. Each child spoke with unusual clarity and directness. These young Guerns, under the guidance of their teacher, Brenda Meade, were prac tising for their imminent ESB examinations. As well as a talk, the test at this level includes a prepared reading aloud and the performance of

a poem, learnt by heart. The children at nearby Amherst Junior School treated me to some readings they were working on. At assessment time, each child gets a detailed written critique of his or her performance from the visiting examiner from the mainland. There is no set time to take the test, so it can be arranged when the candidates are

All 13 of Guernsey's primary schools use the ESB as a means of promoting oral skills. Most children do an examination in year 3 and another in year 5. Four of the island's five

secondary schools are also

involved. Most enter pupils for

ESB exams in year 9 and

year II. At St Sampson's Sec-

**Students** enjoy the power of speech

had prepared an informative talk about roller hockey for his exam. One advantage of this work is that it is truly cross-

curricular. Year II pupils at La Mare de Carteret Secondary School are full of praise for the ESB system. One group explained: You might need presentation skills when you're at work. ESB makes you find things out. It teaches you to listen. Learning by heart is good mental discipline."

ont Varouf School, for pupils aged four to 19 with severe learning difficulties, also uses the ESB. Bob Battye, the head, said: "Because the tests are progressive we can enter our young people at an appropriate level and ensure that they really do achieve something." Slowly and painstakingly,

the senior group - Evette, Luisa, Tanya, John, Shane, Jason and James - told me how, last year, they did talks about working in sheltered workshops and staying overnight in the school chalet. Despite their problems, these cheerful young people showed a clear understanding of why speaking matters.

The ESB was founded in 1952 by Christabel Burniston, now an MBE for services to education and the ESB's indefatigable 87-year-old presioral skills (and literary appre-

ciation) without recourse to the horrors of old-style elocution. During its 45-year history, the ESB has worked in a number of independent and maintained sector schools, although it has lost ground in the latter in recent years for reasons of cost. Each ESB entry fee costs £10 to £15. Many mainland schools feel unable to ask parents to pay this. Local authorities cannot or will not. Sponsorship is rare. Consequently, most young people in Britain have to make do with the perfunctory national curriculum and GCSE oral assessment.

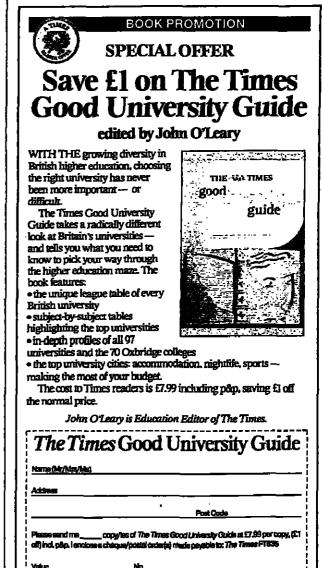
n Guernsey it is other wise. Since Christabel Burniston's first visit in 1983, the ESB has been almost universally implemented in the island's schools. There are several reasons for this. First, Burniston was allowed to set up comprehensive in-service teacher training. Secondly, the scheme had the enthusiastic support of John Stevenson. then Guernsey's adviser and inspector for English and later director for education. Thirdly, the local education authority (LEA) has funded ESB work centrally for 12 years. The current annual cost is £15,000 to £20,000 for a school population of 8,600 because, of course, not every child takes an examination every year. Fourthly, the work has been co-ordinated since 1988 by one - very efficient

Young Britons are wont, in Gillian Shephard's unforgettable phrase, to communicate by grunt. If oral communication is to be as well developed among mainland schoolchildren as it is in Guernsey, surely LEAs and opted-out schools could do worse than to follow Guernsey's enlightened example?

and dynamic - person, Jackie

Gaizley. English teacher at La

Mare de Carteret.



### Berlin crew have oars removed at a single stroke

By MIKE ROSEWELL, ROWING CORRESPONDENT

WIKING Berlin, a "selected" crew in the Thames Challenge Cup, were disqualified without taking another stroke at Henley yesterday. The Germans were found to be rowing three ineligible men. Ziegner, Rosenburger and Spaeter have all represented Germany at lightweight level in the past four years. The rules state that there should only be two such international rowers and none from the previous four years of competition.

Mike Sweeney, the Henley chairman, when asked why the Germans were allowed to race and beat Monmouth on Wednesday, said: "It is the responsibility of the club to sign for eligibility. They were dismayed, but, by the time they got to me, they understood the rules properly."

The Wiking crew were at Henley to celebrate the sixtleth anniversary of their win in the Grand. The decision left Tideway Scullers with a row over and no selected crews in the top quarter.

London RC's Thames Cup eight, also a selected crew. showed the same unruffled approach as their Wyfold Cup four, who won again. The eight were led to the halfway point by Garda Siochana, the Irish police, before Stewart Simms, the London stroke, roused his crew opposite their home supporters at Remenham Club and broke the Irish.

Nottingham and Molesey. the two selected crews in the Wyfold, have both survived two races without undue effort. Molesey enjoying a paddle yesterday when Quintin were disqualified after 20

Greg Searle, Britain's top sculler, experienced his first race in the Diamond Sculls with little close attention, either from his opponent, Oliver Griffiths, of Chester, or from the enclosures, which were

largely deserted at 8.50am. Searle did not mind his nonpeaktime appearance. helped me to remind myself that Henley is just a normal regatta," he said, "even if it is

Jamie Koven, of the United States, who could be Searle's semi-final opponent tomorrow, also won with ease in a virtually identical time, but Searle's New Zealand coach. Harry Mahon, is not taking his opponent today, Adri Middag, of Holland, lightly.

Henley '97



"Middag ony just lost to Veroon [the 1996 Diamonds winner in Amsterdam last week," Mahon said.

Searle's lightweight Great Britain colleague, Peter Haining, won again, in spite of a 2st weight disadvantage. into a strong headwind. The selected Australian. Nick Mc-Donald-Crowley, led to the half-way point before Haining, with considerable crowd support, sculled past to

The women's sculls boiled up nicely yesterday. Maria Brandin, of Sweden, the holder, progressed comfortably in the top half of the draw, as did Britain's Olympic sculler, Guin Batten and Sarah Winckless, the 6ft 4in Cambridge University president.

the bottom section. Winckless, 23, in a new boat sponsored by Virgin Direct. wants to challenge for the Olympic sculls spot. The two Britons race today. Bob Winckless, Sarah's father and with three Cambridge Blues, said the aim was to "take Guin apart". Sarah was less direct. Miles Forbes-Thomas, Batten's coach, contented himself

with: "Sarah who?"

The biggest upset of the day came when Westminster School - considerably assisted by their Greek coach, Bob Michaels - beat Radley, the national schools' champions, in the Princess Elizabeth Cup. Westminster snatched a halflength lead at the Barrier and, in spite of continued pushes by the selected Radley crew. Westminster refused to fold. In the same event, Canford's giant-killing continued in another great race, when they were rowed down by Hampton but came back to win.

Another Greek coach, Stephanos Volianitis, was not able to work the same magic for two Birmingham students. Gregan Ward and Robin Underwood, in the first day of the Goblets. The Birmingham pair, the British University champions, faced Rob Thatcher and Ben Hunt-Davis, Britain's leading World Cup pair. Pete Sheppard, the Britain coach, watched his crew veer alarmingly off the start in the wind before settling down to win easily.

Argo, of Holland, were the first foreign selected crew to be beaten in the Britannia coxed ours, but it did not reduce foreign interest, since their conquerers were the University of Minnesota, who train on the Mississippi. Another Dutch selected crew, Skoll. from Amsterdam, were eliminated in the Temple, beaten by Cherwell, the Oxford develop-



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Diamond Sculls Holder: M L O Vervoom (Holf)

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TRIATHLON

Smith leads **British** contingent into final

> FROM IAN SWEET IN YUOKATTI, FINLAND

FOR the first time in any leading event, qualification was the name of the game at the European triathlon championships at the Vookatti winter sports centre and Britain's two-time world champion. Spencer Smith, did enough in heat two to make tomorrow's final. tomorrow. All four members of the British team qualified, but only Smith and Mike Ellicock made it by "right", being in the top 20 of their heats.

Richard Allen and Alastair Johnson went through to the 50-man final as two of the ten next-fastest competitors. The qualifying was held over the sprint distance of a 750-metre swim, 20-kilometre bike ride and five-kilometre run, but the final will be held over twice the distance. The bike course is a brute, made up of tenkilometre laps and including a climb of 21/2 kilometres with seven per cent gradients taking the athletes to the 90-metre ski jump that dominates the

skyline here. Smith, who lives in California, was drawn in heat two and did just enough to finish inside the slowest qualifying time of heat one. He looked relaxed and fresh at the finish and said that tomorrow "four times up the bike climb. especially if it stays hot, will be

very hard". It was a different story for Allen, who was just 5sec inside the lhr 4min 34sec qualifying time, suffering from the dual effects of over-racing and a virus. His first reaction was that he would not be fit enough to compete in the final. although Mick English, the Brinsh team manager, said Allen would race unless he produced a doctor's certificate. He had warned the triathletes not to race too much before these championships. Money is tight within the British triathlon federation and they cannot afford the luxury of athletes racing when they are not fully prepared.

### **EXCLUSIVE TIMES NEWSPAPERS GRAND PRIX COMPETITION**

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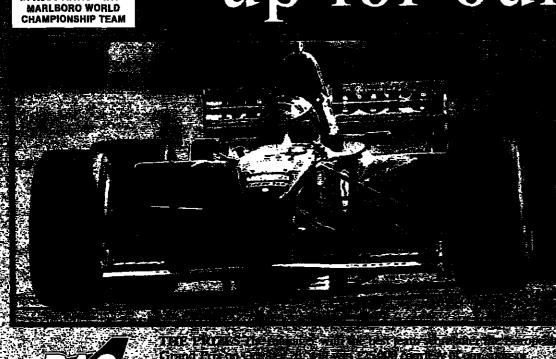
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## Fantasy Formula One race hots up for our £25,000 top prize



HOW THE POINTS WERE SCORED IN MAGNY-COURS

Pole M Schumacher 30 points; 2nd HH Frentzen 25; 3rd R Schumacher 24: 4th J Villeneuve 23; 5th E Irvine 22; 6th J Trulli 21: 8th J Alesi 19: 9th D Coulthard 18: Oth M Hakkinen 17; 11th G Fisichella 16; 12th S Nakano 15; 13th R Barrichello 14; 14th J Herbert 13; 15th J Magnussen 12; 16th P Diniz 11; 17th D Hill 10; 18th J Verstappen 9; 19th M Salo 8; 20th N Fontana 7.

Qualifying points (scored by qualifying for the start of each grand prix within the first 20 positions on the grid):

(Position 7 on the grid was taken by A Wurz, who is not in Finishing points (scored for the top 20 positions at the

end of every grand prix): 1st M Schumacher 60 points; 2nd HH Frentzen 50; 3rd E Irvine 40; 4th J Villeneuve 30; 5th J Alesi 29; 6th R Schumacher 28; 7th D Coulthard 27; 8th J Herbert 26; 9th G Fisichella 25; 10th J Trulli 24; 11th U Katayama 23; 12th D Hill 22. (Only 12 finished. Coulthard was classified atthough he did not finish the race.) Lap points (one point for each lap completed): M Schumecher 72 points; H-H Frentzen 72; E Irvine 72; J Villeneuve 72; J Alesi 72; R Schumacher 72; D Coulthard 71; J Herbert 71; G Fisichella 71; J Trulli 70; U Katayama 70; D Hill 69; M Salo 61; P Diniz 58; N Fontana 40; R Barrichello 36; J Magnussen 33; M Hakkinen 18;

J Verstappen 15; S Nakano 7; T Marques 5. improvement from starting grid to finishing position (3 points for each improved place): U Katayama 30 points: J Herbert 18; D Hill 15; J Alesi 9; E Irvine 6; D Coulthard 6; G Fisichella 6. Fastest lap time of grand prix M Schumacher 10 points. Penalty points incident resulting in a driver being made to start from back of grid or pit lane (10 points deducted): none. Did not finish the race (10 points deducted): M Hakkinen -10 points; D Coulthard -10; R Barrichello -10; M Salo -10; J Verstappen -10; P Diniz -10; S Nakano -10; N Fontana -10; T Marques -10; J Magnussen -10. Not starting after qualifying (10 points deducted): none. Speeding in the pit lane (5 points deducted); none. CONSTRUCTORS Finishing points (scored for the first

car only in the top 20 positions at the end of every grand prix): Ferrari 30 points; Williams 25; Benetton 22; Jordan 21; McLaren 20; Sauber 19; Prost 17; Minardi 16; Arrows 15. Penalty points incident resulting in a car being made to start from back of grid or pit lane (10 points deducted): none. Elimination of a car during the race (10 points deducted): McLaren -20 points; Tyrrell -20; Stawart -20; Benetton -10; Prost -10; Arrows -10; Sauber -10; Minardi -10. Not starting after qualifying (10 points deducted): none. Speeding in the pit lane (5 points deducted): none.

The top of our Fantasy Formula One leaderboard in I the race for our £25,000 top prize has a new leader in L Ackland from Guildford, Surrey: His feam, Aston O; has a total of 5,919 points after last week's Prench Grand Prix at Magny-Cours. His team comprises M Schumacher, Alesi, Irvine, Trulli, Fisichella, Fontana, Benetton, McLaren, Ferrari, Sauber, Minardi and Lola. F Grosvenor of Lacock, Willshire, wins a trip for two to the British Grand Prix. His team, Reybridge Racers scored 897 points at Magny-cours. R. Buck from Lowestoft, Suffolk, wins a Sony PlayStation and CD-Romgames. His team, Rob's Racers, also scored 897 points. Both players have M Schumacher, R Schumacher, Villeneuve, Frentzen, Trulli, Fisichella, Ferrari, Williams, Jordan, Arrows, Minardi and Sauber. Both players also share 5,179 points on our leaderboard

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## Prescott aiming high with Calchas

By RICHARD EVANS RACING CORRESPONDENT

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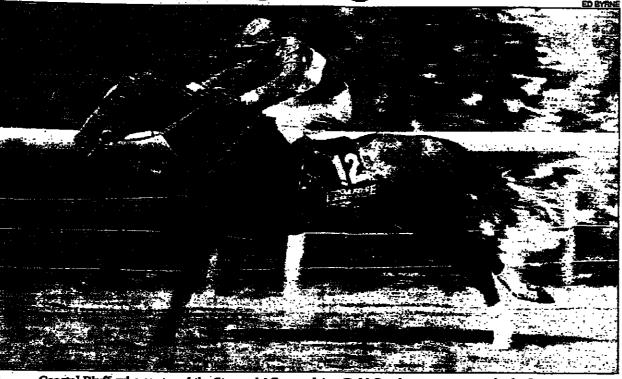
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SIR MARK PRESCOTT, a master of the understatement, was in excellent form yesterday, like his two-year-olds, who have been winning everything in sight recently and are chiefly responsible for a 38 per cent strike-rate this term. Yes, they have been saving me from the poor house," he said. At Newmarket next week, the baronet will attempt to rattle the cages of Mr Stoute and Mr Cecil, as he refers with unfailing politeness to his

July Stakes with Calchas, his first runner in the race. "He's always gone well and is one of those nice horses; you don't know he's there and he's wonderfully behaved and straightforward. He's not very big and this would be his D-Day. He might not be good enough, but he has experience and will get the trip."

fellow trainers, by landing the

The winner of his two starts, by five and six lengths. Calchas has followed the example set by other stable juveniles such as Eloquent, Mountain Song and Shawdon. "Initially, Mountain Song was the best of them at home, although whether he would beat Calchas now I don't know. When they started don't know. When they started when I thought it was the only he was the best so it came as a decent thing to do," he said.



Coastal Bluff, who captured the Stewards' Cup and Ayr Gold Cup last term, returns in the July Cup

surprise to the trainer when he got beat in an auction plate at Redcar on his first start. I had the dressing gown chords suspended over the bannisters and there was a nasty spell

Fortunately, such drastic action proved unnecessary as Mountain Song confirmed his ability at home by hacking up in his next two starts to boost the stable's strike-rate and make up for the older horses, most of whom were affected

by a bout of coughing during Cup on Thursday with Red April and much of May. Prescott, who won his first Camellia, third in the French 1,000 Guineas, "Ability wise, group one race with the she is the best horse I have had, but she had a chipped

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Pivotal in the Nunthorpe

Stakes at York last year, could

also be represented in the July

bone so it has not been straightforward." Whether or not she runs.

THUNDERER

day will be the Countryside Rally in London, where he is one of the speakers. "The most important thing will be the rally: there will be plenty more July Cups."

Maybe, but David Barron, the Thirsk trainer, would dearly love to win this year's running with Coastal Bluff after last year's Stewards' Cup and Ayr Gold Cup winner delighted him in a workout yesterday.

The five-year-old is particularly slow coming to hand and does not come in his coat until June, but Barron reported yesterday: "Obviously his tasks will be much tougher this year but Kevin [Darley] sat on him this morning and the horse worked every bit as well as he worked last year at home."

Barron added: "I honestly believe he is probably as good as he was when he won the Ayr Gold Cup. Although the form book says that was his best performance, as far as I was concerned he was at his peak at Goodwood. He was spot on that day and I don't think I have quite got him

back to that. Whatever he does at Newmarket, you will still see the horse improve for it. He just gets better as the year goes

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7	(1)	5640346	WHIDZ KND 6 (O.F) (J Bridger) J Bridger 3-2 R Modern (5)	
8	(5)	04-0000	DANCING MYSTERY 11 IA Strong & Co (14) E Wheeler 7-12 . S Carson (7)	80
9	(10)	T046-00	SINGFORYOURSUPPER 15 (CD,S) (Mas S Marko) G Margarson 7-10 G Bardwelf	91
10	(2)	0000	DURABLE GEORGE 9 (Lies, J Starto) J Brudger 7-10 A Daily (5)	-
Long	hande:	an Sordon	ANTENNANT 7-R Testable Commo 7-2	

BETTING 7-4 Salty Green, 7-2 Regular, 11-2 Whez Kid 7-1 Senzers Glon, 8-1 Singleryaurapper 12-1 Royal Octod Hype Evergy, 16-1 others

1996: CLAN CHEEF 9-D I Dumo (?-1 tay) J Amold 10 cm FORM FOCUS

HOPALEA 2/41 3rd of 11 to William's Well in Ikey Suca in handicap at Lingbeld (61, good) handicap at Mineseburgh (31, good) SALY (60, 4/4) 6th of 8 to Superion in handicap at Windsor (61 good to lettin) ROYAL ORCHIO 291 (61, good) SALY (6

### 2.35 PILLAR PROPERTY INVESTMENTS CONDITIONS STAKES

(2-Y-O: £4,612: 7f 16yd) (4 runners) BETTING: 4-5 Liungarum, 11-10 Checkic Malandeure, 23-1 Erria s Young Man, Celestral Bay

1996: GROOM'S GORDON 9-8 Fot Edday (5-2) J Dunico 6 ran FORM FOCUS

MUNTATHER best Craesteel 44 in 15-turner mastern over coerse and decorace (good to firm) CLASSIC MANGELINE 61 4th of 12 to Central Park in Islaed acea at Royal Accor (71, good) ERI-KA'S YOURNS MAIK let? of 24 to Lord Kirbyre in Selection. CLASSIC MAKEDUNYE (map)

#### 3.10 ED & FMAN HANDICAP

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1	(2)	12-0053	SOFYAAN 14 (S) (E Regel) Lady Herres 4-10-0 R Cochrane	9
2	(4)	0/060/2	HAWKER HUNTER 27 (F) (Dr G Madan Mohan) R Alesturst 6-9-12 T Quinn	9
3	(9)	25/0664	ROYAL SEATON 49 (F,S) (Authorster Carpets) Mrs P Outlield 8-9-8 . R Hardin (3)	9
4	(7)	00010-3	TYPHOON EIGHT 39 (G) (M Sui) R Armstrong 5-9-4 6 Carter	9
5	(8)	2-00005		9
6	(1)	0434530	TEMPTRESS 14 (F,S) (P Barrett) J A Harris 4-9-2 1. Detion	Ę
7			PREMIER GENERATION 21 (5) (Mrs W Oran) D Adjustnoj 4-9-2 . D Holland	
8	(6)	150-026	DRAMATIC MOMENT 14 (F) (Nov. R Plummer) J Arnold 4-9-0 . Pat Eddery	9
9	(3)	240-063	ROCK THE BARNEY 24 (CD.F.G) (Mrs. S. Maris, M. Usher 8-7-10 R. Mullen (S)	8
D80.	handic	age: Rock T	ne Barney 7-3	

BETTING: 11-4 Hawker Hunter, 4-1 Sohsam, 5-1 Typhoon Egin, 6-1 Temptress 8-1 Pretier Generation, Dismo Lifornera, 10-1 Royal Seaton, Rock The Barrey, 16-1 Magic Combination. 1996: EDAN HEIGHTS 4-8-13 A Daly (16-1) S Dow 10 can

#### FORM FOCUS

SOFYARM '4i 3rd of 12 to Travelmate in handurap at Newtonthel (1m 4f, good to soft) with MAGIC COMMINATION (3lb better off) 3rd 15th and TEMPTHESS (4lb better off) 5rd 15th. HAWKER HURTER esch 2nd of 11 in Northern Motto in handurap at Doncaster (1m 4f, good to firm). RDY-AL SEATON 13rd 4th to 7 to Whitechapel in handurap at Membury (1m 4f, good to 1roth) TYPHOON EIGHT 6rd1 3rd of 16 to Fats in handurap

here (Im 2, good to form).
PREMIER GOVERATION 1994 text of 5 to Anak-text named and the second (Im 2), good to first).
DRAMATIC MOMENT 69:1 6th of 11 to Kotatoora in handscap at Goodward (Im 2), good to sail;
ROCK THE BARNEY 1984 for of 20 to horsong in claiming handscap at Satesbury (Im 44, good to firm).

### 3.40 WATES CENTENARY DRAGON STAKES

(listed race: 2-Y-O: £10,159: 51 6yd) (3 runners) 

FORM FOCUS BODYGUARD about 2:41 4th to Tupoth Boy in 6-menes group & Norloft States at Royal Ascot (51 good).

DAUNTING LADY 31 3rd to Nadwah in group & Selection: BODYGUARD

Selection: BODYGUARD

### 4.10 CORPORATE SERVICES GROUP HANDICAP

1	(8)	6-44400	KAILEY SENOR 11 (G) (P Stimp Woo) R Armstrong 4-9-13	. R Price	95
2	(5)	0-50204	20AC 20 (F.S) (8 Brackpool) P Makin 5-9-10	at Eddery	95
3	(3)		THERRIEA 5 (D.G.S.) (R Gudge, C Lews & M Calvert) B Multouri 4-9-9		ΘĘ
4	(6)		BABA AU RISUM 20 (CD,G) (Mr & Mrs. J Poynton) I Williams 5-9-6		96
5	(1)		FIONN DE COOL 9 (O.F.) (Canashay Bioodstock Lid) R Alichers 6-9-4		96
6	(4)		COMANCHE COMPANION 247 (CD.F.6.5) T Naughton 7-8-13		93
7	İΝ	00-0523	RENATA'S PRINCE 13 (BF,6) (P Sweeting) K Burke 4-8-5	L Detton	94
8	[2]	25-0000	COASTGUAROS HERD 14 (Coastguards at Bognor Regis) M Usher 4-8-1		80
			3-1 From De Cool. 4-1 Batra Au Rham. 5-1 Zidac. Renata's Prince. Sanor. 50-1 Coastguards Hero	12-1 Comar	ch

### 1996: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS			
KALEY SENOR 111 Bit of 9 to American Whiteper in handicap at Yamushi (1m 21, good). ZEDAC 1441 4th of 13 to Zentalek or handicap at Lingletd (for 21, good to fitted). THERMEA 56 2nd of 13 to No Edwis in handicap at Goodwood (1m, good to self). BABA ALI RHUM beat Desert Time 21 over course and distance (good to fam). FlONN DE COOL 51	5th of 13 to Purchasing Power in handicap at Epeam (71, good to soft) COMMANICHE COUR- PANION 394 7th of 20 to Absolute Magic in handicap at Yammouth (71, good) REMATA'S PRINCE 146 3rd of 12 to Harvey Wate in handicap at Lingfield 11m 11, good) Selections 200AC		

#### 4.40 QUEEN SQUARE MAIDEN STAKES (£3,534: 1m 6f) (5 runners)

(4)	D4	PRIME STABLE 48 (K Sangster) P Crepped-riyaru 3-0-11	
高	5-00033	PADAUK 21 (6 Slemberg) M Haynes 3-8-11	66
[2]	4203	BOOK AT BEDTIME 16 (A Cyzer) ( Cyzer 3-8-6 L Desizon	88
(1)	0	VEUVE CLICOUOT 14 (J Gomperts) R Amestrong 3-8-6 R Price	-
(3)	25	VRENMAN 16 (Sr. David WARs.) J Fanshave 3-8-6 Par Eddery	76
NG: 1-2	Book Al E	Sections, 11-2 Final Stage, 13-2 Viennan, 7-1 Partauk, 14-1 Veuve Clicquel	
	196	NG: CLERKENWELL 3-8-11 Par Eddery (B-11 lav) M Stocke 11 ran	

### **FORM FOCUS**

NAL STAGE 15%14h of 15 to Gazudu in maiden	pood to km) VELIVE CLIQUOT 151 9th of 10 to
Newbery (1m 21, sold; PADAUK 51 3rd of 13 to	Benthalans to maden at Newsrahle? (1 in 21, good to
riverg in handisap here (1m 31 91yd, good to	soft). VREIMAN 61/1 5th of 18 to Murrans or
rot BOOK AT BEDITAKE 2val 3rd of 11 to Wind-	maiden at Report (1 in 41 60/rd, good).
r Castle in group & Owen's Vase at Assot (2m,	Selection; BOOK AT REDTIME

#### COURSE SPECIALISTS TRAINERS 105 65 25 27 23 253 203 61 197 77 110 Z2.1 197 180 132 130 100

### Beverley in doubt

THE meeting at Beverley tonight is the latest fixture to be put in jeopardy by the wet spell. John Cleverly, the clerk of the course, said last night: "There is a doubt. We had two inches of rain on Monday and another eight millimetres on Tuesday. It is just about raceable, but if there is any more rain we will have a precautionary inspection in the morning."

### SPECIALISTS

BEVERLEY: Trainers: M Beit, 8 wanners from 30 runners, 26.7%; A Stewart, 4 horn 16, 25.0%; M Wane, 4 from 17, 23.5%. A Jockeys: M Fenton, 12 wonners from 58 rides, 20.7%; D Holland, 9 from 56, 16.4%; J Weswer, 19 from 140, 13.6%.

HAMETON PARK: Trainers: J Pearce, 3 winners from 8 numers, 33 3%; M Prescott, 11 from 35, 31.4%; M W Essterby, 5 from 17, 29.4%. Jockeys: G Duffeld, 17 winners from 93 ndes, 18 3%; K Sked, 6 from 33. 18.2%; N Kennedy, 11 from 71, 15.5%

HAYDOCK PARK: Trainers: S Woods, 3 winners from 10 curners, 30.0%, R Bastiman, 3 from 12, 25.0%, B Hifs, 16 from 74, 21.6% Jockeys: Pet Eddery, 24 winners from 75 rides, 32.0%, W Ryan, 25 from 100, 25.0%, F Hits, 17 from 82, 20.7%,



2.15 Mowlood, 2.50 Gold Lance, 3.25 Lord Smith 3.55 Manileno, 4.25 Catria, 4.55 Dawam Allail, DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE TOTE JACKPOT MEETING 2.15 BIG APPLE MAIDEN HANDICAP 2.50 JOHN CATTELLS FINAL FURLORIS OF FREEDOM SELLING HANDICAP 

4-1 Gold Lance, 11-2 Sendmoor Desire, 13-2 Arcalus, 7-1 Queen Of Stamon, Katie Kornaite, 8-1 Charlton issp. Besi Kepi Socret, 12-1 olibets. Blinkered first time HAMELTON PARIC 8.40 Prix Star. 9.18 Mazireh. HAYDOCK PARSC 7.00 Well Armed, Hey Up Mate. SANDOWN PARSC 2.00 M F Vessel. WARWICK: 4.25 Flourishing Way, 6.00 Attack Af Dewn. 7.30 Young Wolf. 8.30 Pelg Sayers. 9.00 Sparkes Cross.

### **3.25** PYMENTS CLAIMING STAKES (2-Y-0: F2.554: 7f) (6) 2-1 Lord Smith, 5-2 Micheles, 3-1 Figurett, 9-2 Hadeen, 16-1 Pelating, 25-7 Florat Park, 3.55 HELLER INVEST IN SUCCESS TROPHY HANDICAP (£3,174: 1m 6f 194yd) (6) 401 6320 TAMAFEX 13 S Dow 4-9-11 J Rold 3 402 5428 CHARROL 17 67 R Hards 4-9-6 R A Daty (5) 5 403 00-5 TMO SOCKS 24 67 J King 4-9-5 R Fleench (5) 1 404 DODS DURSHAM 7 (V.F.b) 6 L Micros 6-9-1 S Wildhord 2 405 0004 SLAPY DAM 23 (V.6.5) C Sorih 5-8-10 A Continue 6 406 3311 MARIE 590 13 (F.S) M Pips 3-8-0 Mertin Dayer (3) 4 5-6 Marifeso, 9-2 Tausket, 6-1 Stepy Dem, 8-1 Two Socies, 10-1 Duskem, 12-1 Chotoni.

4.25 stars and stripes maiden stakes

3-1 Count Ci Thorns, 5-1 Desert Warrier, 14-7 others, Speciality, 10-1 Cold-Lucius, Salaga Rivier, 12-1 Desert Warrier, 14-7 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS THANEPS: A Charbon, 6 wioriers from 10 roomers, 60.0%; S Williams, 3 from 13, 23.1%; M Pipe, 8 from 57, 21.6%; M Healon-Bile, 5 from 32, 18.8%; M Stoute, 4 from 22, 18.2%, M Jarvis, 3 from 17, 17.6%.

8.00 goldwell (HAIR/COSMETICS) MAIDEN 3-2 Floorishing Way, 3-7 Always On My Miest, 5-1 Carriz, 7-7 Elez, 10-1 Sevons, 12-1 Secolus, 14-1 Avassi, 15-1 others **AUCTION STAKES (2-Y-0: £4,034: 6f) (15)** (14) 00 GET OF GOLD 23 | Campbell 8-11 ...... DOUSTAIL 78 4.55 WHITE HOUSE MAIDEN STAKES (£4,442 mm) (18) 4 SAINT ANN 32 M Johnston 8-6 ... 44 THE GROVELLER 16 P Easts 8-6

SOLGEN STRIKEST IN PRIMARY 6-11 TO PRIMARY 6-12 THE PRIMARY 6-14 M DOOR 6-8 ... J Right 9-13 LITTLE PRIMARY 23 S Wrooth 5-8 ... W Ryan 99 900 FAM PRIMARY 6-5 ... S Sanders ... TO HEY UP MATE 96 (8) J Berry 8-8 ... K Darby ... S LIDO 30 (8) P HANE 8-6 ... R HANE ... 78 LIDO 30 (8) P HANE 8-6 ... J Carroll 67 4 SAMIT ANN 22 M Johnston 8-5 ... J Carroll 67 4 SAMIT ANN 22 M Johnston 8-5 ... B Doyle 93 47 THE CORROLL 10 F Borne 8-6 ... S EFFORM 91 THE 15 F BORNE 12 F BORNE 44 THE STRANGLERS TO PERSON 5-3 JP EIGHT
COOL WYSTERY A Melicalized 5-3 S Drawne
0 SPICE GIFL 31 P Erant 8-1 Date Gibson
DOUBLE APPEAL, JH Wilson 7-12 Appeals Harriey (7)
LESLEYS ADVENTIGHE JH WASON 7-12 C Florier
MAGGICE R Hollinshead 7-12 D Wright 11-4 Lido, 3-1-Saell Ann, 4-1 Little Indian, 7-1 Golden Statlegy, 8-1 Fandanca, 10-1 The Groveller, 18-1 Bodlari Pride, Hay Up Male, Spice Girl, 25-1 others

8.30 BIRCHLEY RATED HANDICAP (£8,027: 7f 30yd) (10)

11-F O Factor, 9-2 Jo Melt, 6-1 Generous Libra, 7-1 Band De The Run, 8-1 Albert The Bear, Weetman's Weigh, Plan For Psofit, 12-1 others.

9.00 BAILEYS ORIGINAL IRISH CREAM CLAIMING STAKES (£2,835: 1m 3f 200yd) (6)

(4) 4026 WELSH MIL 2 IJ (C.D.A.S.) Mis M Reveley 8-10-0 K Dentey (2) SMGLE MARF FLEE 4-9-10 C Registration (3) TO C Registration (4) The Control of the M Revisions 4-9-6 J Flegan (1) SSM FORZAR 13 (0) J J O Thera 5-9-4 J Cannoll 89 (3) 000 989 PM 15 (0) FL SJ J O'Stea 8-9-7 V Sattery (5) -204 SMABAMAZ 25 (C.D.F.G.S) W Main 12-9-0 J Raid: 90 5-6 Walsh Mill, 9-4 Shabanaz, 8-2 Fazzair, 16-1 Big Pat. 25-1 offices.

9.30 ELLESMERE HANDICAP (£3,079: 51) (9)

2-1 Blessingindispoise, 4-1 Superbil. 5-1 Rich Blow, 13-2 Good To Tafs, 7-1 Cross The Bordes, 18-1 Panifper, John O'Overns, 14-1 others

### HAMILTON PARK THUNDERER

6,40 Sun Of Spring, 7,10 Scaraben, 7,40 Lapu-Lapu, 8,10 The Lambton Worm, 8,40 Nebuchanezzar, 9,10 Heubach Boy.-

6.40 TILNEY PORTFOLIO HANDICAP (Lady amateurs: £2,794: 1m 3t 16yd) (10 runners)

5-2 Sun (1 Spring, 6-2 Magison Welcome, 5-1 Mosey Mazve, 7-1 Staffed, 8-1 Lord Advocate, Love Me Do, 10-1 High Low, 12-1 others.

### 7.40 PRECON BLOCK LIMITED STAKES

8.10 TOTE BOOKMAKERS HANDICAP (£5,831: 61) (6) 1 0135 PALACEGATE TOUCH 5 (B,CD,F,G,S) J Beny 7-9-12 C. Lowfor (7) 5

2 2504 THE LAMSTON WORM 6 (0.7) D Smith 3-9-6 . I. Chamber (7) 5

3 0411 MISTER WESTSCHERD 13 (0.00,0) I Pered 5-8-0 . M Kenedy 1

4 0303 LEADING PRINCESS 3 (0.00,5) I Pered 5-7-11 ... K Stand (5) 2

5 5041 ANOTHER MISTATMARKE 3 (0.00,5) R McKellar 5-7-10 feed

1 10 and 3

10-11 Power Game, 7-4 Lape-Lapu, 7-1 Classic Sallel, 8-1 Charleigh Lase

(£2,668: 1m 5l 9yd) (6)

Going: good to soft 2.10 (7/3 30/4) 1. Brandonville (R Sucholme, 10-1); 2. Betland Lady (11-2); 3. Prime Pariner (7-1); Cauditio 11-4 fev. 9 ran 1341, 1341. N Traider: Tota: £14.30; £2.70, £1.40, £150. DF: £23.20. Tido £56.10. CSF: £57.45, Tincast £378.66 c. 01.61. Three Tempers (K Darley, 8-1); 256 10. CSF: ES7 45. Incast: £378.68
2.40 (6) 1, Three Tenners (K Darley, 6-1);
2. Stravess (33-1); 3. Hope Velue (9-1);
Kobby 4-6 law 7, ran. NR. Companys
Gamble 3-1, 1-K J Berry, Vote: £4.00;
21-40, £3.30. DF: £5.20, CSF: £134-44
3.10 (71 30yd) 1. Sheltering Sky (K Darley,
3-1), 2. Khrafasaq (2-1 fav); 3, Sarameresa
(4-1) 14 ran 119/, 31 Dunilop, 1069-£3 70;
£1 70, £1 60, £1.30, DF: £5.30 Trio: £3.70
CSF: £7.65.
3.40 (1m 31 200yd) 1, Debutante Days (F)

CSF £7.65. 3.40 (1m 3f 200)(d) 1, Debutante Days (R Hughes, B-1), 2 Peppers (5-1); 3, Belly Souza (5-1), Kafinyn's Pet 9-4 tev. 6 ran. 141, 31 A Stewart Tote: £9.60; £2.10. £2.30, DF: £20.40 CSF £39.26. 230. 0F: 120 40 Cor Examples. 16-1); 4.10 (6) 1. Desert Lyntx (R Hughes. 16-1); 2. Bolin Dorothy (6-1); 3. Bee Heelth Boy (11-2). Garnock Velley 7-2 fav. 13, fan. 2, hd 1 Wesson. Tote: £22.30 £4.60 £2.10. 22.00. DF: £205.70. Tric: £175.00. CSF: £299.66 Tricast £571.73. 4.40 (1m 65) 1. Foreign Rute (R Hadin. 11-2) 2. (Domby Park (8-11 tav); 3. (Massar (15-2) 6 ran. 134, 34. P Chappis-Hyan. Tote, 16.30; 52 10, 21.20, DF: £3.50, CSF:

Haydock Park

Dackpot: not won (pool of £11,387.97 cerned forward to Warwick today). Placepot: £443.00. Quedoot: £15.50. Catterick Bridge

Going: sont 2.20 (50) 1. Oriel Girl (J.F. Egen. 7-4 tav); 2. Beechwood Quees (8-1); 3. Hayburne (14-1) 13 ran. NR: Talenbeat, Turf Moor. 194. 6. P. Evans. Tote. £2.70; £1 40, £2.30, £4.20. DF: £20.90 Tito: £131 00. CSF: £12 86. Going: soft

212 86. 2.50 (1m /l 177yd) 1. Hanta La Vista (L Detton, 11-8 lav); 2. Tancred Mischel (4-1); 3. Gymcrek Tiger (20-1), 7 ran. 1 vi. 2½; M W Easterby, Toler, 21 80; 21.10, 22.60 DF: £4.60, CSF: £7.06. 3.20 (im 51 175/d) -1, Indings, (3 Dolladd, 2-1); 2, Quest For Best (11-4); 3, Wellcome im (11-2), Walkabout 7-4 law 4 ram 8t, 2t. M Stoute. Total \$2.50 DF: £2.90. CSF. £7 19 2.50 (71) 1, Three For A Pound (J Fortune 7-11: 2, Hulel (7-1); 3, Hi Muller Hi (50-1), High Spires 11-4 fav. 13 ran. Sh fad, 3 kd., Gover. Tose: £12 10; £2.60, £1 90, £8.60

Gover Tose 512 10; 52.00, 51 90, 52.50 DF: 529.30 This 2503.50 CSF 548.58. Tricast 52 162.60. 4.20 (7f) 1, Sheep Nr Shedy (G Dufield, 9-4 ize), 2, Lepd lesses (9-1); 3, Kissel (12-1) 7 ran kl. (NI C Well, Tote 53.20; \$1.50, 52.00 DF: 55.50 CSF 520.49. E1-30, 52 (20) (1-1) State (1-1) (1Yarmouth

Going: good to soft 2.00 (61 3/d) 1, Faith Alone (R Mullen, 11-2); 2, Don Pepe (4-1); 3, Wild Palm (8-1), Never Think Twide 3-1 fav. 10 ren.-4l, nd. C Well. Tote: 25-40, 22-40, E1-80, 51-50 DF: £18-20. Trio: £34-10. CSF: £23-51. Trioset £154-75. 2.30 (51 3yd) 1, Fiveo'clock Shedow (M Tebbutt, 11-8 tay); 2, Captain Bilas (7-1); 3, Estopped (15-2); 10 ran, NR: High Carry, 274, sh rad, B Mechan, Tote: 22-40; 51.10, 51.40, 52-90. DF: 55.20. Tho: 217.40, CSF: £10.20.

217.40. CST: 210.20.

3.00 [7] 3yd] 1. Snow Kid (Pat Eddary, 4-5 fav.) Our Newmarket Correspondent's rap); 2. Imroz (100-30); 3. Royale Figurine (11-2); 6 ran. 2%, 1%, D Loder. Tela: £1 90; £1.30, £1.40. DF: £2.40. CSF: £3.48. £3.49.
3.30 (73 yc) 1. Karinska (S Cerson, 7-2);
2. Listed Account (11-10 lav); 3, ky Guest
(7-4). 4 ran. 134, 3. M Chapman. Tota:
£4.20. DF: £3.00. CSF: £7.42. 4.00 (1m 3yd) 1. Spenjard's Mount (M. Hanry, 7-2); 2. Trojan Hero (Evens tav); 3. Haver Golf Eagle (14-1) 9 ran NR-

SINTERPRETARIS. Nap: PLEADING (8.30 Haydock Park) Next best: Sally Green (2.00 Sandown Park)

Algebah, What A Fuss, 2%I, hd. M Tompkins, Tota: £4.70; £1.10, £1.10, £4.00 DF: £5.20 Trio: £20.20 CSF: £6.81, 4.50 (713yd) 1, Mazboon (R Hits, 4-9 tax; Private Handicapper's top rating): 2, Behold (11-2); 3, Lone Piper (13-2); 5 ran. 191, 51, E Dunlop, Tota: £1.40; £1.10, £1.90, DF: £2.40, CSF: £3.19 E1.90, DF: £2.40, CSF £3.19
5.00 (1m 2) Z1yd) 1, Calendula (Miss J Alicon, 5-1); 2, Squered Away, (12-1); 3, Anctor Venture (10-1), Beltas Gate Boy 7-2 fav. 10 ran. %1, 144. D Monley. Totar £6 50; £150, £4.00, £2.80. DF: £16.80. This: £454.50 (part won. Pool of £230.50 carried forward to 2.50 at Warwick today). CSF £60.32 Thicset £528.57.

Placepolt 532.70. Quadpot: \$10.20. Wednesday's late details

Epsom Going: soft, good to soft in places. 6.20 (6) 1. Toblemong (T Quinn, 4-1); 2. Tricast: £248.62. High Shorld (11-1); 3. American Cousin. Placepot: £24.70. Cuardoot: £4.90. The state of the s

JOCKEYS: J Reid, 17 winners from 85 rides, 20.0%, M Hille: 11 tron 59; 19.0%; Paul Eddery; 12 from 77, 15.6%; K Fallon, 4 from 29, 13.8%; D Hantsop, 6 from 80, 13.3%; T Speake, 15 from 114, 13.2%. 240,98. 6.50 (Im 21 18yd) 1, Spantan Girl (D. Harrison, 7-1); 2, Manustri (8-1); 3, Dovedon Star (15-8 lav), 8 ran. 2, 234, Lord Harringdon, Tota: 28 40, 21.60, 22.40, 21.50, DF: 237.20, CSF: 253.69.

7.20 (7) 1 Grey Kingdom (D Merrsoh 3-1 J-lan); 2 Chickewicka (9-1); 3, Tea Party (5-1) Zaima 3-1 J-lan, 11 ran Ni. 1941. M Britan Tote: £4.20; £1.30, £2.50. £1.90 DF: £14.70. Trio: £14.50. CSF: £25.39. Tricest: £121.01. 7-50 (Im 41 loyd) 1. Tappeto (C Ruter, 10-1); 2. Little Accor (4-1); 3. Statajeck (7-1), licatania 7-2 law. B ran. NR: Maraci, ½I. 4L H Candy. Tote: £17-20; £3.30, £1.30, £1.50. DF: £34.20. Two £82.30. CSF: £44.24. Tricest £273.21. 8.20 (fm 114yd) 1, Impalia (D Sweeney, 11-2); 2, Don Sebestian (6-4 fav); 3, Bobbit (16-1), 8 ran, NR: Heart Full Of Soul, 2, 1, W Turner, Tote: £5 60; 27 70, 5140, 5220, DF £6.00, This £18.30 CSF, £12.89.

8.50 (6) 1, Plaisir D'Arnour (R Firench, 11-4 ji-leu), 2, Bold Ellott (6-1); 3, Willow Dale (11-4 ji-leu), 6 ran NF: Sharp Peal Sh hd, 19tl. N Calaghen. Tota 53.40; 52.00, 53.00. DF: 517.20. CSF: 517.54. epot: £270.90. Quadpot: £15.90.

Yamouth Going: good to soft

8.35 (5f 43yd) 1, Songsheet (P P Murphy, 2-1): 2, Seng D'Anibes (14-1); 3, Shining Cloud (13-8 tax). 5 ran. NR: Royal Backbird 6t, 144. M Saunders. Tols: 03.05; 21.20; 64.40. DF: \$23.80. CSF: \$24.57. 7.05 (713yd) 1, Feel A Line (J Fleid; 7-2 j-lex); 2. Distinctive Dream (9-1); 3, Windborn (4-1). Last Chance 7-2 j-lav. 9 can. 3, 3f. B Mechan. Tots: £4.80; £1.80, £3.50, £1.30, DF: £23.00. Tito: £4.430. CSF: £23.63.

7.35 (1m 3yd) 1, Pollah Rhythm (D O'Donohoe, 33-1); 2, Veni Vidi Vizi (2-1 Idel; 3, Silk St. John (9-2), 10-zan 244; 51, G Hubbard, Tota: £59 80; £7.60, £1.30, £1.20, DF £128.00, Trio: £330.00 CSF: £596.79, Teleast: £336.03.

8,05 (81 3yd) 1. Greenlander (1. Deticn. 100-30); 2. Althub (5-5 lay), 3. Whot Venture 19-2), 5 ran. 31, 51. C Britiain. Totar \$4.50: 21,90, 21,10. DF: \$2,30. CSF 66.39. 9,35 (rm 3f 101yd) 1, Purist U Reid, 8-4 tard; 2, Uffre (8-1): 3, Capsoff (80-1), 11 man, NR: La-Curamaial, 2M, 1981 M Stoute. Totax, 52-70; 51-30, 51-90, 54-90, DF 50-20, Tdo: 5352-50, CSF: 59.05 9.05 (im 6i 17ych 1, Compass Pointer (J Tata, 5-1); 2, Spy. Knoli (11-4, jav.), 3, Children's Choice (20-1), 17 an. Hd. 94, J Eustace, Tote: C5 40, 52 50, C1 10, 63 50, DP: £13 40.; Trio. £49 80, CSF., £18 65, Tricast: £248.62

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7 3 MARIANA 16 R Whicker 8-9 ... J Stark 6
26 MSSC DIVIT 11 IN DESS 8 ... C Linguistic C ... \_ \_ \_ J STREAK 6 \_ C Lowether (7) 2 15-8 Mariana, 11-4 Prix Star, 7-1 Dave Wile. 8-1 Sumi Yatus 10-1 others. 9.10 RAGE OF BOTHWELL MAIDEN HANDICAP

GOLF

### Westwood cements reputation

FROM JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT IN DUBLIN

THE combination of a course prepared to render a stern examination and two of Europe's most exciting and gifted young competitors playing near their best made the opening day of the Murphy's trish Open a satisfying one. Open championships should be difficult to win and the courses on which they are played should bring out the best in the best players. In both these regards, the Druids Glen course and the Irish Open this year are exemplary.

Lee Westwood, 24, and Thomas Bjorn, 26, are two of Europe's young Turks and, with the Ryder Cup less than three months away, their presence at the head of such a strong field must be reassuring for Severiano Ballesteros. the Europe captain. Westwood's 65. six under par, was a course record. Biorn is one stroke behind. Colin Montgomerie, the defending champion, had a 68. Nick Faldo a

Westwood has had little other than hosannas sung in his praise all season. Montgomerie last week described him as the best player in Europe under 30 and yesterday further words of praise were added by Faldo. The two of them played a practice round together before the recent US Open and Faldo was struck by the distances that Westwood hits the ball.

He is 30 yards longer than me." Faldo said. "Once he has learnt how to win, then he has the potential to become a dominant force in European golf. You learn more by losing than by winning because you learn from your mistakes."

Westwood made such a good start that after five holes that it was clear that a low score was likely. He was five under par, thanks to three birdies and an eagle. His power on a day when there was virtually no run on the ball and a slight wind was lioth is 440 yards long and he needed only a seven-iron for his second. On the 522-yard 11th, he hit a drive of more than 290 yards and a two-iron that travelled 230 vards and ended four feet from the flag.

Bjorn, who won over the difficult Loch Lomond course last year, was no less impressive than Westwood. He hit 17 greens in the requisite figures and said afterwards: "My game is spot on. I am playing

No hole epitomises the challenge presented by Druids Glen so well as the 13th, which may be the hardest par-four in Europe. It runs along the base of a valley. One side is lined by trees, the other by rock.

From the raised tee, the

fairway curves to the right and is crossed by a stream that widens near the putting surface to catch any balls that veer to the left. The average number of strokes taken on this hole was 4.91 before all the field had finished, which made it more difficult than two of the par-fives.

Compounding its difficulties is the fact that players had to wait on the tee yesterday. Montgomerie, for example, was there for more than 20 minutes. Fives were commonplace, sixes not unusual. Retief Goosen, who won in France on Sunday, ran up a seven, as did Richard Green, Stephen Hamili and John McHenry. Carl Suneson took an eight.

Montgomerie's four was not as uneventful as it might sound. His tee-shot dribbled away to the left rough. From there, he dithered between selecting a five-iron and a metal three-wood before settling on the wood because it would scythe through the grass better. The stroke of luck came when his ball, which appeared to be going to the left and perhaps into the water, caught the branch of a tree and rebounded on to the

putting surface. "It is some hole," Montgomerie said. "I had a seven, five and two fours there last toughest hole in Europe was the 4th at Gleneagles, but this one is harder."

### Headley lives up to proud tradition

Simon Wilde on a player making his own way in the path of famous forebears

'It wasn't

would be

o cricketing family has provided more convincing evidence that talent is in the genes than the Headleys, of Jamaica and Stourbridge, who, by intro-ducing its latest son, Dean,

into the England team at Old Trafford yesterday, became the first "house" ever to provide three successive generations of Test players. Once he had located the right length, Dean fell into a good rhythm and moved the ball testingly off the seam.

especially to Australia's lefthanders, three of whom he dismissed with balls that left them. He extracted Mark Taylor - not a bad first scalp with his eighteenth ball, having taken a wicket with his first ball in championship cricket six years ago.

When he is playing well, he looks the most natural cricketer in the world, as one would expect of a grandson of George, who played 22 times

for West Indies but spent several years after the Second World War in the northern leagues, and son of Ron, who made England his home and played for Worcestershire for many seasons, but appeared twice for

Edgbaston — in 1973. However, much of Dean's career has been spent striving for fitness. This season he has been troubled by back problems - he was obliged to prove his fitness before playing here — before which he had a serious hip complaint. Phil Neale, the first XI captain at Worcestershire, and Don Bennett, the coach at Middlesex, both recalled yesterday

that he was rarely free from

West Indies — at the Oval and

injury during spells at their They both also remembered how good a batsman Headley was. "He could bat a bit." Neale remembered of the two years he spent at New Road, where, because Worcestershire were county champions in both years, he was released without playing a first-team game. "He brought the bat down straight. It was not at all clear at that time whether he

bowler." One of the reasons Headley left Middlesex for Kent — his

present county - in 1992 was because he did not feel he would receive the opportunities he wanted to bat, Bennett said. "We obviously wanted to keep him badly, because he was a very promising bowler and a lovely lad, but he felt he could get more batting with someone else."

As it has worked out, though, Headley's batting has not flourished at Kent as either he or others expected. He averaged 20 last year and of late has been going in at No 10 or No 11 for his county.

For the gene theory to hold, Dean ought to show aptitude with the willow, because his father and grandfather were both, of course, batsmen, George being among the greatest the game has known. His average in Tests was 60.83 and in all first-class matches 69.86, figures that, taken together, have been exceeded only by Sir Donald Bradman.

The first time he played Test cricket at Old Trafford 64 years ago, he danced his way to 145 not out. clear if he finishing unbeat-en on 169 the next day. Had the social a batsman

bonds between the male Headleys or bowler been stronger, one wonders whether batting for England, as one suspects he would secretly like, but while Ron decided to settle in the West Midlands. George decided to return to

> grow close again until the last years of George's life: he died in 1983, aged 74. Fortunately, this occurred in time for third generation to meet first. "I met my grandfather for two days when I was about 11." Dean said this week. "He came to our home in Stourbridge and we went into the back garden and hit a few balls. He was small, I remember that. I had read so much about him it was like

Jamaica and they did not

The family ties are strong now, though. Ron has been closely involved in Dean's career and he made sure he Unfortunately, he got stuck in traffic and missed his son's

meeting Viv Richards for the

first time. He was not just just

my grandfather, but a great



Headley shows his delight at taking the wicket of Elliott at Old Trafford yesterday

JN Gillespie and GD McGrath to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-9 (Elliott 7), 2-22 (Elliott 12), 3-42 (Elliott 19), 4-85 (S.R. Waugh 22), 5-113 (S.R. Waugh 35), 6-150 (S.R. Waugh 63), 7-160 (S.R. Waugh 63

### OLD TRAFFORD SCUREBOARD

AUSTRALIA: First Innings A Taylor c Thorpe b Headley

(22min. 20 balls) G Elliott e Stewart b Headley ...40 (130min, 98 balls, 4 fours)

(18min, 13 balls, 1 lour)
(18min, 13 balls, 1 lour)
(Waugh o Stewart b Eatharn ...
(38min, 27 balls, 2 lours)

M G Bevan c Stewart b Headley

(25mm, 16 balls, 1 lour) †I A Heaty c Stewart b Caddick (35mm, 20 balls, 1 lour)

(BOmin, 64 balls, 1 tour)

Extras (b 8, lb 4, nb 3) ....

SCORING NOTES: First day: Lunch: 78-3 (30 overs, 123min; Etioti 36, S R Waugh 19) Tea: 162-7 (51 overs, 215min; S R Waugh 70, Reffel 1).

Waugh 69/ 90WLING: Gough 17-8-48-1 (6 lours; 8-5-10-1, 6-0-27-0, 3-1-9-0); Headley 23-4-67-3 (nb 1, 4 lours; 8-1-18-1, 10-1-30-2, 5-2-19-0); Caddick 14-2-52-1 (nb 1; 5 fours; 5-1-13-0, 8-1-39-1); Eatham 11-1-34-2 (nb 1; 6 fours; 4-0-22-1, 5-1-1-1, 2-1-1-0); Croft 4-0-13-0 (2-0-6-0, 2-0-7-0)

ENGLAND \*M A Atherton, M A Butcher, †A J Stewart, N Hussain, G P Thorpe, J P Crawley, M A Eatharn, R D B Croft Bough, A R Caddick and D W Handley

Third umpire: J H Hampshire.

England won by nine wickets. Second (Lord's): Match drawn.

TESTS TO COME: Fourth (Headingley): July 24-28; Fifth (Trent Bridge): August 7-11; South (The Oval): August 21-25.

Compiled by Bill Frindall Ashes series are in the edition's Info Times section:

### Wagh and **Fulton** illuminate Oxford's defiance

ndation victory

By JACK BAILEY

LORD'S (second day of three): Cambridge University, with nine second-innings wickers in hand, are 160 runs ahead of Oxford University

CAMBRIDGE continued to hold the best cards yesterday, as they have done virtually throughout this match. Mark Wagh and James Fulton brought Oxford back into the game with some rousing strokes either side of the lunch interval, but, as the shadows lengthened. Anurag Singh batted with such power that there is a strong likelihood of Oxford facing an uncomfortably large total later today.

The Cambridge lead of 86

on the first innings was useful, but not as decisive as they would have wished. Nor was it anywhere near as large as at one time seemed likely. At 87 for four, Oxford stood in dire

Fulton and Wagh displayed a solid, watchful defence, but while Wagh chanced his arm at anything remotely way-ward, Fulton's role remained largely passive. He became more expansive after Wagh lost his middle stump to Steffan Jones, but, in sight of a brave century, he was neatly stumped, down the leg side. By then, Oxford were back in the match, although the tail was wrapped up rapidly.

Steffan Jones's figures of six for 67 from nearly 29 overs tell a story of fast-medium accuracy all too rarely seen these

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: First Image 358 for 6 dec (W J House 94, A Singh 91 F O Jones 58; C Patel 6 for 110).

Second Innings

FALL OF WICKET: 1-16. BOWLING: Averis 10-3-31-0; Patel 8-3-34-1; Battasbae 2-0-8-0; Wagh 1-0-1-0 COCORD UNIVERSITY: First trainings
C G R Lightiont c Charton b How
B W Byrne low b P S Jones
M A Wagh b P S Jones
M A Wagh b P S Jones

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-25, 2-37, 3-54, 4-87, 5-180, 0-221, 1-232, 5-23, 5-2

#### brother firmly Total (7 wkts, 69 overs, 287min) ... 224 | D W He http://www.the-times.co.uk. Umpires: B Leadbeater and D R Shapherd

### FOR THE RECORD

**ATHLETICS** LAUSANNE: Grand Prox meeting: Men: 100m: 1, M Greene (US) 9 90sec: 2, F Fredericks (Nam) 9 91: 3, D Batley (Car.) 997, 7, L Crirste (GB) 10 12 2000m: 1, A Boldon (Tim) 20 23, 2, K Little (US) 20 28, 3, 

MERCURY

(Ken) 3.38,73 5.000m: 1, P Bitok (Ken) 13:11 30, 2, S Hissou (Mor) 13:11 84; 3, F Bayesa (Eth) 13:12 68 3,000m steeple-chaser. 1, M Koptanut (Ken) 8:12:02, 2, W Bott (Ken) 8:12:89; 3, B Barmasai (Ken) 8:13:15 110m hurdies; 1, A Johnson (US) 13:17:80; 2, M Crear (US) 13:21, 3, A Garcia (Cuba) 13:27, 4, C Jackson (GB) 13:28, 400m hurdies; 1, B Bronson (US) 47:77; 2, S Matete (Zam) 48:33; 3, S Dagena (F) 48:47 Discust; 1, L Riactel (Ger) 68:56m, 2, A Seellif (US) 63:44; 3, A Seelig (Ger) 62:46 Triple jump; 1, K Harrison (US) 17:43m; 2, Y Cluesada (Cuba) 17:31, 3, D Kaspustin (Russ) 17:20 Women; 100m; 1, G Davers (US) 10:89:ex;

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BOWLS WORTHING: Home International champ WORTHANG: Home International champi-makings: England bit Channel Islands 134-113 (England slops linst D Ward lost to V Dorey 17-27: D Denison bit P-lames 27-16. A Thomson bit D Simon 23-18: L Miker bit D La Marquand 25-23, D Curler bit P Ingrousie 23-16. A Alcock bit C Renout 24-19. Scotlans bit reland 122-100 (Scotland sings first WW Wood bit P Simpling 25-18: A Advan-lost to S Allen 17-19. G Robertson bit E Parkinson 18-16. A Marshall bit G McQui-17-15; R Corse bit N Graham 25-21. J Atken bit G Scotl 20-11). AYR: Scotlish women's national champi-

Auten br G Scott 20-11)
AYR: Scottish women's national championships: First round: E McEwan (Lanak Thisfiel) br A Singer (Hoodysell) 21-13, L Magonan (Curmoci-) M Yorigton (Prostongange) 21-14-1 Fisher (Bridge of Alam) Sieven (Uphall Station) 21-18 E McCarnor (Dregham) E Mercaes (Moray) 21-11, I McCalloch (Drongan) A O'Donnell (Grangemouth) 21-12. S Slater (Colinton) C Laifa (Queens Parly 21-16: L Stewart (Uppar Cowal) M Campbell (Inngside) 21-14- S Wisson (Westermans) D Haildow (Famicia) (21-19, J Lindores (Etrick Forest) I Findlay (Outrus Parly 12-13. A White (Brock) L Ernstry (Culpar) 21-18. K Christolin (Planelodis) Enderson (Marcoalin) 21-11. A Christe (Miling (Cusper) 21-18: N. Christolim (Pathamolo) Andreson (Astrobain) 21-11. A. Christe (Wil-low Bank) G. Smch (Leith) 21-8. B. Louden (Priorscroft) J. McFadnes (Westnetherton) 21-8. A. Unitey (Blackburn) J. Slowey (Eddiewood) 21-16; E. Jahnstone (Buch-hayen) H. Stoan (Lodinnaben) 21-17. J. McComnack (Calderbank / Stewarf (Fosioy) 21-7.

CRICKET SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Second day of four. Chasterfield: Lercestershire 300-5 (J.M. Dakin 100 S. Richardson 87, v.

Derbyshire First day of three: Luton: Todinorden: Duthem 193 (G.J Batty 8-49):

CRICKETLINE ENGLAND AUSTRALIA **EXCLUSIVE LIVE** COMMENTARY 0930 161 567 REPORTS & SCORES 0930 161 555 WINGELEDON 0930 16 1540 Yorkshire 91-1 Bristol: Gloucestershire 187-3 (M G N Windows 83 not out, M J Church 50) v Surrey RAF Usbridge: Sussex 147 (T A Radford 51: N D Mattin 4-25); Muddlesex 158-2 (B L Hutton 72) Second day three: Kertl 350-8 dec, Northamptonshire 65: 1 Worksop: Nottinghamshire v Essex No play, ram. Worcester: Warwickshire 130-1 v Worcestershire No play, ram MROR COUNTIES CHAMPTONSHIP Fined day of two: Toft: Chastine 206 (J D Bean 79; J G Wyst 5-25). Devon 73-2, Match drawn Jesmond: Northumbertend v Sulfok, Manch abandoned Cambridgeshire 156-8 (S A Kellert 56: A Richardson 4-64) v Stationdshire. Match drawn.

drawn.
SCHOOLS MATCHES: Chighrell 217-3dec (M. Al. 100 not out). "Brentwood 151-3 (E. Krby 107 not out). "Christ. Bercon 158-6 dec XI. Club 121-7; "King's, Ricchester 175 King's, 197. MICC 235-3dec. "Bandott 121-5; Halleybury 229-5dec Chellanham 56-1; Martborough 106." Sherborne 45-2: Walkington GS 117." RGS Guidford 118-0."

**FOOTBALL** 

KARLSKOGA, Sweden: Women's Euro-pean championship: Group A: Span C Sweden 1, Russa 1 France 3.

DRUIDS GLEN, County Wicklow, Mur-phy's Irish Open: Leading early linst-round scores (GB and ire unless stated) 65; L Washer, GB: T Byon (Den) 67; L McGarlane, S Richardson 68; D Glätord, C Montgomene, 68; N Faido, R Chepman, K Varnola (Fini, C Rotta (b. 70; R Lee, W Westner (SA), P Proc. G Evans, P Baker, A Braggin (ii), E Darcy, R Murtz (Holi), Inst Trial scorers (Inspector Challenge Binaghi (II), E Darcy, R Murtz (Holl), BELTON WOODS: European Challenge Tour event: Leading linel scores (all Great Britari), 275; S Dodd 70, 68, 69, 58, 276; C Evens 72, 57, 69, 70, 282; L Vanner 68, 71 72, 71, P Alabasier 73, 65, 74, 70; S Andrew 62, 67, 69, 77, 284; S Thompson 70, 72, 70, 72, N Brown 76, 69, 72, 97, A Wall 76, 69, 67, 72; N Machell 73, 73, 66, 72

ST AUBAN, France: World chamships: No flying yesterday due to

**RUGBY LEAGUE** STONES SUPER LEAGUE: Bradford Bulls 34 Castleford Topers 20, Plans Saint-Germain 16 Salford Reds 24, Straffeld Eagles 14 St Helens 12, Leads Phinos 20 Halitau Blue Sox 18

BT GLOBAL CHALLENGE: Sigh leg-Boston to Southampton (coanons of 14/026MT yesterday art: mice to South-ampton) 1. Towthat Warrer 2.482, 2. Countailes in 2.463, 3. Commercial Union 2.463, 4. Goobal Teamwork, 2.464, 5, 2463, 4 Giologi Tearmwink 2364, 5, Motornick 2466, 6 Group 4 2465, 7 Health assured II 2467, 8 Pause To Remomber 2469 9, Nuclear Electric 2468 9, Nuclear Electric 2468, 9, Timo 8 Tide 2,471; 11. Save The Children 2,473; 12. Ocean Rover 2,474, 13. 3Com 2,475; 14. Concent 2,479.

KOUVOLA: Finland: European champion-ships: Junior rifle learns (After count-back): 1, Hundary 1 767; 2 Yugoslava 1,767; 3 Great Bintain 1 767; 11 Croydon 590; 2011 Species 536;

SHOOTING

SPEEDWAY PREMIER LEAGUE: Long Saron 52 Glas-gos 37. Four-team champonship: Quali-hing round, second leg. Hull 39 Stoke 25. Shegness 21 Sheffield, Hull 39 Stoke 25. Shegness 21 Sheffield, Gubs (Long Eaton and Wolverhamoton) 38 Midenholi 18

55 SPEEDWAY STAR CUP: Semi-final, sec-and leg: Poole 53 Coventry 37 (Poole was 95-85 on agg). VOLLEYBALL

MOSCOW: World League: Finals: Italy 3

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

In the next two Refreshers I will be dealing with the topic of how the opener describes balanced hands of 12+ points. By "balanced" I mean all hands with the shape 4-3-3 or 4-4-3-2, many 5-3-3-2 hands and some 5-4-2-2 hands. (For new readers, 4-3-33" means four cards in one suit and three in each of the others.) Not everyone plays what I recommend here, but I think it is much the most practical structure for anyone below expert

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

First, two important principles:

I With a balanced hand of 12+ you should either open in No-Trumps, or open in a suit and rebid in No-Trumps.

II To open in a suit and rebid in another suit you should normally have at least five cards in the first suit. (I will discuss the very few exceptions at the end of this series.)

discussed in a recent Saturday column the treatment of balanced hands in the 12-17 point range. The simplest and most widely played method for these hands is to split them into two ranges, 12-14 and 15-17. Then opening 1 NT shows one range, opening one of a suit and rebidding 1 NT the other range. Thus if you play a weak No-Trump (12-14), this is the structure for balanced hands (where X and Y are suit bids):

Opener's Sequence

	Less than 12	Pass	_	
	12-14	1 NT		
	15-17	1 X 1 NT	1Y .	
you pla	y a strong No-Trump	(15-17), this is a	modified as follow	r
	12-14	1X 1NT	1 <b>Y</b>	
	15-17	1 NT		
o both c	ases, this is how stro	nger hands an	e dealt with:	
	18-19	1 X 2 NT	17	
	20-22	2 NT		
	23-24	2 C 2 NT	2 D	

This style does require you to bite one or two bullets. Playing a weak no-trump, you have to open 1 NT on this hand: +KJ32 ¥AKQ3 +32 +654

You can't open One Spade and rebid Two Hearts - that would show at least five spades. You also open 1 NT on this: ±J7654 ₹32 +AK4 #KJ3

You can't open One Spade - to rebid Two Spades over a Two Heart response you need at least a good five-card suit, and I will continue this topic next week

WORD WATCHING

By Philip Howard

VALETUDINARIAN a. Inclined to farewells b. A fish vegan c. An invalid

b. A Spartan cavairyman

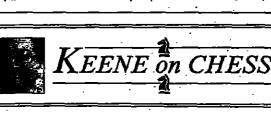
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BY RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Times schools championship

The final of the British schools chess championship, spon-sored by The Times and endorsed by the British Chess Federation, takes place today at the Charing Cross Hotel, London. The four semi-finalists were Hampton School, Manchester Grammar, Methodist College and Oakham School. Apart from the final, there will also be a third-place play-off. Those wishing to enter the competition next year should contact the Chief Organiser, Mitchell Taylor, 4 Alders Road, Hale Lane, Edgware HAS 9QG (tel: 0181-

Internet simultaneous The El Pais newspaper in Madrid has organised a loworldwide simultagame neous display by Garry Kasparov on the Internet. Kasparov competed against Spanish communities from different locations around the world. Here is Kasparov's win against the former President of the Madrid Stock Exchange.

White: Garry Kasparov Black: Pedro Guerrero Kasparov v El Pais, July 1997

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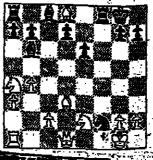
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TO THE PARTY OF TH By Raymond Keene

Black to play. This position is from the game Kennedy --Staunton, London 1845. Black has given up his queen but has the opportunity to recapture White's, giving check into the bargain. Is this the best move?





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CRICKET

## Morris lays foundation West for victory

SWANSEA (second day of four); Glamorgan have scored 319 for three wickets against Gloucestershire

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MEN FRIDAY

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HUGH MORRIS could not land the county championship during his two spells as Glamorgan captain, but he will still be hugely influential if Matthew Maynard takes the title to Wales for only the third

Morris, 33, but playing as well as ever, yesterday scored his third century of the season
— an undefeated 158 that has taken Glamorgan a long way. towards a possible third successive victory. Only seven overs were

In the 34 overs possible at Trent Bridge, Nottingham-shire reduced Pakistan A to 71 for five in reply to their own 298 for nine declared, three of the touring side falling to Chris Tolley, who claimed the prized wickets of Saleem Elahi and Hassan Raza, the youngest Test player.

bowled on the first day and there was no play before lunch yesterday, but then the sun came out and Glamorgan sailed on serenely against some hopelessly inadequate

Gloucestershire bowling. The visitors were without Mike Smith, the country's leading wicket-taker, who was at Old Trafford, but that was no excuse for the way they wasted their opportunity on a pitch that seamed, turned and bounced unevenly. Waqar Younis, Steve Watkin and the. rest of the Glamorgan attack are unlikely to be so wanton.

Gloucestershire began wellenough. Lewis rudely interrupting James as he closed in on 1,000 runs for the season by having him caught at second slip and then putting Dale out of his misery with a superb delivery that found the edge of an indeterminate bat for Russell to take a tumbling catch.

Then the bowling went to

pieces. Sheeraz, Smith's replacement, conceded wides on both sides of the wicket and aithough Ball was soon turning his off breaks a long way, he could not pitch them in the right place. Morris, in his present form, was just the man to take advantage and, with such a reassuring preserice at the other end, Maynard was at his most

Together, they put on 223 in 45 overs. Morris passing his 50 with three fours in one over from Ball, and Maynard reaching his half-century with two successive on-driven fours off Alleyne.

uninhibited.

Maynard had reached 98 off 129 balls with 17 fours when Young provided a reminder that batting was not supposed to be as easy as it looked by digging one in to induce a simple return catch.

There was no stopping the insatiable Morris, who already has one double century under his belt this year. There was a time when he hobbled around the crease on wounded knees, but there did not seem to be anything wrong with them now as he drove Davies for an all-run four and then scampered the single off Lewis which took him to his hundred in not much more than three

It was his 51st century for Glamorgan, only one short of Alan Jones's record, and, in the process, he passed 18,000 runs to become their fourthhighest run-maker behind Jones, Emrys Davies and Gilbert Parkhouse.

GLAMORGAN: First Innings.
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A Dale of Russell b Lewis
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P A Cottey not out.
Dates (b 4, b 3, w 12, n b 10) Total (3 witts, 79 owers) 318
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Thomas, St. Watish and D A Coskier to bet.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-28, 2-40, 3-263.

BOMING Lawis 17-2-52-2: Young 18-4-59-1; Sheeraz 7-0-49-0: Ball 19-1-76-0; Alleyne 5-0-31-0; Devis 13-0-54-0 GLOUCESTERSHIPE: N. J. Trainor, A. J. Wright, K.P. Sheerez, Al.A. Lynch, S. Young, "M. W. Alleyne, 1R. C. Russell, T. H. C. Hancock, M. C.J. Ball, J.J. Lewis, R.P. Davis.

Bonus points: Gamorgan 3 Gloucester-ains 1

Lathwell finds form in unfamiliar guise

By Ivo Tennant

application. Alas, it was

through reverting to his cus-tomary self that he was out,

driving at a ball from Danny

Law that was not quite a half-

volley. He struck 15 fours, two

or three of them through the

covers with that sense of

timing that once so enthused

the day, it was not the highest.

Piran Holloway, with whom

Lathwell put on 147 after that

calamitous opening over, also

made his best score of the

season. His 90 included nine

fours and was also an innings

notable for its diligence. He

was out pulling Grayson to Gooch at short mid-on.

for any of the bowlers, who

found Holloway's organised

front-foot defence altogether

too obdurate. Cowan had

Parsons taken at the wicket

with one that did move away

before he hobbled off the field

and Grayson took a further

wicket with his left arm spin,

that of Burns, who attempted

to cut a ball that was too close

There was little in the pitch

If that was the innings of

the England selectors.

CHELMSFORD (second day of four): Somerset, with four first-innings wickets in hand, are 31 runs behind Essex

WHEN the Australians were

last in England, Mark Lathwell was considered so precociously talented that a ong Test career was thought to be in the offing. Alas, his game regressed. This season, his form — 241 runs in 14 innings before he went out to bat on Wednesday - has been so indifferent that he was moved down the order to protect him from the new ball.

In a stronger county side, his place would have been in jeopardy. Yesterday, having come in when Somerset had lost two wickets in the first over of their innings, he played so circumspectly that ne was unrecognisable from the uninhibited strokemaker of his youth. Yet, so soundly did he bat, that he finished with 87, his highest score of the season.

On a day in which there were intermittent showers, he merited a century for sheer **Donald's frustration** alleviated by Brown

By a Correspondent

EDGBASTON (second day of managed just 11 scoring four): Warwickshire, with six strokes from 61 balls — 32 of first-innings wickets in hand. are 34 runs behind Surrey

Lathwell keeps a watchful eye on the progress of one of his 15 fours, this one off the bowling of Mark Ilott

ALLAN DONALD, his patience already tested by some wretched luck this season, was driven to distraction by James Knott, of Surrey, on a rainshortened day at Edgbaston. Donald, who collected 99

international wickets last winter with South Africa, has endured a frustrating time in his ninth season with Warwickshire. His II wickets in the first three championship games did not do justice to his sustained hostility. He then missed three matches with a strained back muscle.

This slow, damp pitch offered the paceman little encouragement, but there were signs that he might yet inspire an unlikely Warwickshire challenge for a third championship title in four seasons. His speed brought him four wickets for 64, but he could not

budge the obdurate Knott. The

22-year-old son of Alan, the

former England wicketkeeper,

but an unbroken stand of 104 restored their initiative.

covered to 159 for four.

them from Donald - and the regularity with which he played and missed outside off stump caused Donald to kick the ground in frustration. Knott scraped together 21 important runs before he threw himself on his sword, pushing Donald into the covers and running himself out attempting an improbable race against the arm of Trevor

Penney. Unnoires: N T Plews and P Willey Surrey's total of 193 looked inadequate, but Martin Bicknell soon had Warwickshire in trouble, trapping Knight and Moles leg-before and having Hemp taken by Knott in the space of 37 balls. When the out-of-form Ostler lashed Tudor to cover, Warwickshire were teetering on 55 for four,

between Penney and Brown Only 77 balls were bowled after tea because of rain, but there was time for Brown to complete an excellent halfcentury as Warwickshire re-

#### YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Britannic Assurance county championship

Essex v Somerset CHELMSFORD (second day of tous) Somersel, with low first-manage wickets in hand, are 31 runs behind Essex ESSEX: First Image 280 (D.D.J. Robinson 78, P.J. Prichard 51; J.I.D. Kerr 4 for 83)

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K A Parsons o Rolling in Cowen
IR J Turner not but
M Burtis o Rolling in Grayson
G D Rose not out
Estras (b 4, w 2, nb 4) Total (6 wkts. 85 overs)

J1D Kerr, K J Shine and S Horzberg to bat. FALL OF WICKETS 1-0, 2-0 3-147, 4-207, 5-219 6-233 BCMLING: flott 16-5-50-2; Cowan 17-2-74-1; Such 22-9-34-0; Grayson 10-4-23-2; Irani 11-3-27-0; D.R.Law 9-1-37-7 Bonus points, Essex 4 Somersel 5 Umpres R Julian and M J Kitchen

Kent v Northamptonshire MAIDSTONE (second day of lour) North-amplorishite, with all test-arrings wickets in hand, are 265 runs behind Kerri KENT: First Irmings 306 (N.J. Llong 57, P.A. Strang 55, M. Aluam 4 (or 56) NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Its

Total (no wkt, 16 overs) ..... \*RJ Barley, K.M. Curran, T.C. Welton, D.J.G. Sales, †D. Ripley, J.N. Snape, J.P. Taylor, M. Akram and S.A.J. Boswell to bat BOWLING ligglesden 6-4-4-0, Thompson 5-1-21-0; Strang 3-1-11-0, Philips 2-1-5-0 Boraus points | Nert 3 Northamptonshire 4 Umpres: H D Bird and V A Holder

Leicestershire v Yorkshire LEICESTER (second day of four) Leiceste

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J Hartley b Multafly
C E W Silvenwood c Nixon b Multafly
R D Stemp c Maddy b Prerson
R J Sidebottom not out
Extract (b 5 lb 6, w 6, nb 20)
Total (88.5 overs)

BOWLING Milns 15-1-60-0; Mulally 25-5-8-103-5; Pierson 14-6-30-2; Ormand 6-2-19-1; Wells 8-0-45-2 LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings

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Middlesex v Lancashire UXBRIDGE (second day of tour): Lan-cashire, with six first-minings wickets in hand, are 191 runs ahead of Middleser MBDDLESEX: First Innings 118 (P.J.Martin for 32)

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G D Lloyd b Tufnell ...
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13 J Rhodes not out
S R Lampett b K Newel
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Editas (b 11, w 4, nb 2)
Total (108 overs)

Total (103 overs) 255
FALL OF WICKETS 1-10, 2-19, 3-34, 4-102, 5-105, 6-111, 7-154, 8-168, 9-255
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Umpires: A A Jones and R Palme

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D R Brown not out
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Tour match Nottinghamshire v Pakistan A

TRENT BRIDGE (second day of three) Pakistan A, with five first-innings wickets in hand, are 227 runs behind Notlinghamshira NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings 298 for 0 dec (G F Archer 81, Shoaib Akhtar 4 for 71)

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FALL OF WICKETS 1-45, 2-59, 3-68, 4-68, 5-68.

BOWLING: Franks 8-1-19-0; Bowen 8-1-23-0; Tolley 9-5-14-3; Dowman 7-2-9-1; Bales Umpires: B Dudleston and N G Cowle

### Fairbrother firmly in control Struggling

UXBRIDGE (second day of four): Lancashire, with six first-innings wickets in hand, are 191 runs ahead of Middlesex

SO MUCH has gone right for Neil Fairbrother during the past two days that he might wonder why he relinquished the Lancashire captaincy four years ago. Fortune smiled on him when he won the toss, but luck had nothing to do with an innings of commendable restraint yesterday that has, surely, put victory beyond the ambitions of the championship leaders.

Fairbrother assumed the leadership here because Mike Watkinson is still struggling to overcome a shoulder injury and Michael Atherton is othBY RICHARD HOBSON

perfect deference to the circomstances. He resisted any temptation to show off his repertoire of dashing strokes. Indeed, when he partnered Steve Titchard during a second-wicket stand of 67 in 30 overs, it was almost like witnessing Tim Curtis at both

all parties because, after dismissing Middlesex for 118, there was no requirement for Lancashire to take any risks. Play began 75 minutes late after overnight rain seeped under the roll-on covers, much

erwise engaged. Lancashire to the annoyance of the visi-are without five of their first-tors, and 37 overs were lost in choice top seven batsmen.
Fairbrother promoted him-self to No 3 and batted in all, but Lancashire managed to extend their first innings to 309 for four. Fairbrother has batted for 244 minutes in

accumulating 82 so far. Nathan Wood had failed to add to his overnight 67 when he pushed Phil Tufnell to short mid-wicket and, after 311 minutes, Titchard (79) looped a bat-pad chance to silly mid-on. Graham Lloyd struck his second ball for a straight six, but allowed Tufnell the satis-Such an observation is intended to be complimentary to faction of revenge in the spinner's next over when he misjudged a ball turning in from the rough. Powerful strokes by Ian Austin carried

> Yorkshire fail to summon staying power

Lancashire to a third batting

point and further rewards

By MICHAEL AUSTIN

LEICESTER (second day of four): Leicestershire, with nine first-innings wickets in hand. are 263 runs behind Yorkshire

POOR weather continues to

tarnish performances at Grace Road, where Leicestershire bowled waywardly and Yorkshire batted as if the technique of occupying the crease was a distant memory. Alan Mulially ended with figures of five for 103, but was nevertheless plagued by con-tinuing problems with his run-up, bowling ten no-balls in the innings. His best ball was a slow yorker that bowled the flamboyant Peter Hartley before the Yorkshireman replied by making a ball cut back and remove Vince Wells's middle stump. No play

Yorkshire had expanded their overnight 149 for five at more than four an over, David Byas advancing to 88, with 15 fours, from 115 balls. His loose stroke to Mullally, which yielded a catch at slip, was not that of a man aspiring to a century.

was possible after lunch.

No specialist batsman could attribute his dismissal to a gem of a ball and even Richard Blakey's belated defiance ended with a catch off a glove down the leg side.

### Sussex in distress

By James Allen AND BARNEY SPENDER

ANYONE who had taken the odds relating to the Sussex first innings at Arundel, chalked up by the local book-maker at lunchtime yesterday, was kept waiting to see if they had made a sound investment. A combination of rain and the obduracy-of Steve Rhodes and Phil Newport, the Worcestershire ninth-wicket pair, meant the home side were in the field until after 5 o'clock.

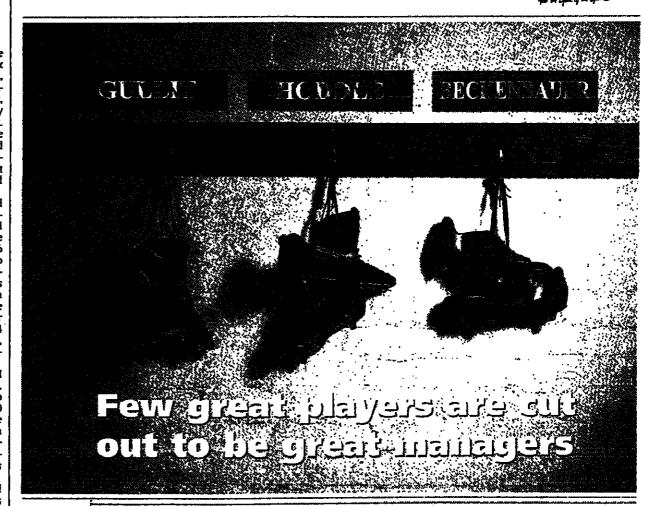
By the time Rhodes and Newport were finally separated, they had added 87 and taken Worcestershire to the respectability of 255. In the 16 overs that Sussex had to negotiate in the evening sunshine, they lost three wickets and relied on Robinson, a second nightwatchman, to see out an anxious final over. For a team dismissed for 58 and 64 in its two previous innings, this was an ominous begin-

ning.
After Worcestershire had resumed at 185 for eight, Newport played one or two strokes beyond most No 10 batsmen and was only five short of a half-century when Martin-Jenkins found an outside edge. Sheriyar's depar-ture first ball left Rhodes

unbeaten on 58. Sussex were handicapped by an injury to Drakes, who is not expected to bowl again in the match. Without him the attack looked pedestrian, but Martin-Jenkins will have been heartened by his second and third first-class wickets.

At Maidstone, a meagre crowd took great delight in the performances of three Kent fast bowlers yesterday. Unfortunately, they could only ad-mire Dean Headley and Mark Ealham, on the squash club television, but once play began at 5.30pm, they turned their attention to the progress of Alan Igglesden, once of England, who missed the whole of last season with a slipped disc.

In his first championship game since September 1995. he bowled well enough to suggest that he will provide useful back-up in the weeks to come. His six-over opening spell included four maidens as Loye and Warren took Northamptonshire to 41-0 in reply to



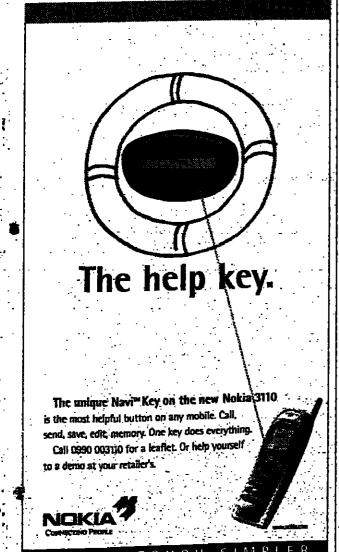
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### Inglorious ending as dream turns to nightmare

Michael Calvin reflects on the vacuum left by

the departure of Britain's standard-bearers

'Rusedski

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im Henman could not bear to wait for Michael Stich to complete the formalties of victory and stalked away, alone, into the lockerroom. Greg Rusedski managed a pre-programmed wave to the crowd, but a fixed smile betrayed his sense of shock. Once a shared dream had dissolved, sympathy had the virulence of strychnine.

"They're desperate for a Wimble-don champion," Rusedski said, as he dwelt, with a poignant sense of responsibility that bordered on tions that they had aroused. "Anything that could go wrong, did go wrong." Henman mourned, as he peered into an emotional void.

Wimbledon, for the British public, is now a vacuum of lost opportunity. Everywhere Henman and Rusedski looked yesterday, they saw only the superficial symbols of patriotism. Plastic bowler hats, featuring the Union flag, had been cannibalised from Euro 96. Silk flags, portray-

ing the red rose of England's rugby team, had evidently been rescued from several attics.

There was nothing to wave them for, Rusedski played tennis like the Tin Man, who had discovered, far too late. that the Wicked

Witch of the North had stolen his WD40. Henman, stripped of his mental strength by the occasion. was similarly distraught. That was probably my worst

experience on a tennis court," he said. I don't actually know the reasons why. What makes it so frustrating is that, what, 24 hours ago?, I played some of the best tennis of my career. Now I'm talking to you after playing some of

Given that he is eerlly similiar, it temperament, image and intelligence to Sebastian Coe. the immediate inquest was suffused by a strange sense of déjà vu. The way Henman's fresh face creased with surprise and self-disgust summoned memories of Coe attempting to articulate the self-loathing that consumed him when he lost the 800 metres final to Steve Ovett at the Moscow Olympics.

He, of course, went on to redeem himself by winning the 1,500 metres within a matter of days. Henman has a little longer - 50 weeks to be precise - to search deep within himself, for an expla-

nation as to why he was deserted by the attributes of flair and fortitude that a nation had come to rely

"I would wish for him to go back and reflect on that, to try to figure out what went wrong," Stich said. "You know, I think it's very difficult for him to deal with all the pressure. Today was just too big for a guy like him. He's very young, not very experienced, and has a lot to learn."

Such a summary may seem harsh, in the cold light of day, but the German was only expressing the unvarnished truth. A champion's nature is a fiendish jigsaw of many small parts and can take years to assemble.

Revealingly, Rusedski claimed phsyical fatigue, but spoke like a man who was mentally drained. "I realise I had a good opportunity. he said, in that irritating mid-Atlantic monotone, when he was reminded of the rarity of a chance to win Wimbledon. "There's noth-

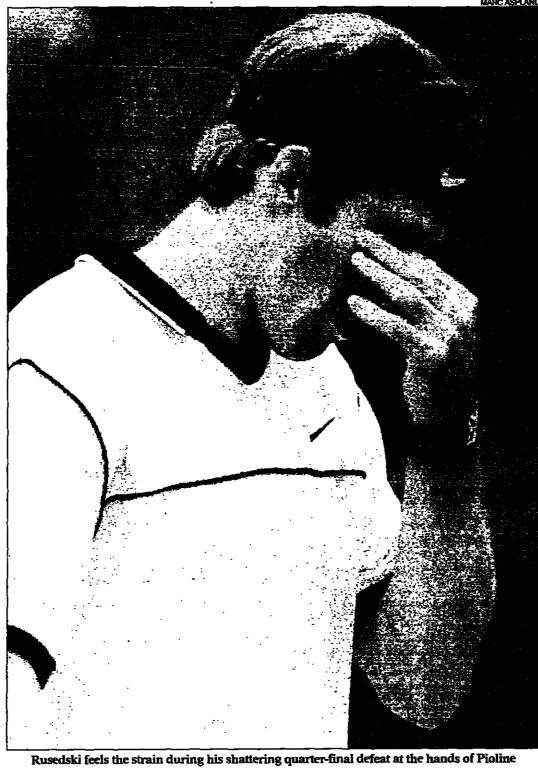
> about it but to move on to the next event." That was too simplistic an answer. and he knew it. Over the past fortnight, the tenor of his career, and that of Henman, has been set. Having

been swathed in the union flag by strangers, they will never be allowed to free themselves from its soft yet suffocating embrace.

The enthusiasm that they generare is ringed by desperation. British tennis has the demeanour of an oftrejected spinster, who, having found Mr Right, is petrified that he will stray. Rusedski and Henman will remain prisoners of their predecessors, a pair condemned, by generations of mediocrity, to

arouse self-destructive emotions. class were mocked by the athleticism and anticipation of Pioline. who, when faced with an illdirected artillery barrage, was capable of incongruous delicacy. He was also incapable of living up to xenophobic predictions that he was another frail foreigner, ready to be blasted into submission.

The corporate hospitality crowd delivered their equivalent of the emporer's thumbs-down when Rusedski was broken in the first game of the fourth set. To a man and overdressed woman, they rose from their barely warm seats and headed for lunch. Even the subse-



quent pleas to "Come on Gregory" had a faintly ironic ring.

Ilie Nastase, as is his wont, did not even deign to conceal his scorn. He sat in the players stand, a scion of Stasi chic in a grey leather trenchcoat and mirrored sunglasses, and openly derided Rusedski. "A double fault," he predicted, as the adopted Briton wound himself up to serve. When Pioline won, he turned around to his audience, and giggled like a naughty schoolboy.

whiz worthiness of Deputy Dawg. was oblivious to the insults. He talked a far better game than he played. "It was a case of my mind saying 'I want to get out there and do my best and my body saying 'no' he said. "That's tennis for you. You have to try to find a way to win in those circumstances, and unfortunately I couldn't.

"I don't think I'm at my best point as a tennis player yet. Sometimes you look at certain players and you say. OK, that's as high as they can get. But I don't feel I have those limitations, because I see so many areas I can work on. I don't feel like I'm the full package, but I will be in the future.

Henman was making similar promises, which are a loser's only prerogative. Unlike Rusedski, his eyes burned with disappointment. He was affronted by failure and his response was the most encouraging aspect of a debilitating day. 'I'm not going to make excuses"



Pioline is exultant in victory

he said, when someone pushed the theory that the insultingly empty rows of green plastic seats, which greeted his emergence on to No I court, had been a damaging diver-sion. "All the support I've had has been amazing. I'm the one who hits the ball in court and today I was the one who hit the balls out of court. If I was to go out and make excuses, I wouldn't be honest with myself. This is a setback, but I will deal

with it and come back a better "I can look at both sides of the coin. I haven't changed physically as a person in the last 24 hours, and so I will have to analyse different areas. I know this will happen again in the future. Hopefully I'll play great tennis for the vast majority of the time, but there will be occasions when I'll not play

The final question was cruel, but predictable. "Will you come back and win Wimbledon?" asked one of those disembodied voices that tend to shape a sportsman's life. "I hope so, yes" said Henman. Only time will tell..."

Men's singles

Winner: £415,000

## Rough diamonds sparkle in the heat of epic battle

he day on Centre Court opened up with a kind of ladies excuse-me: two of ladies excuse-me two 16-year-old girls seeking to find out whose will was the less weak. In the first set, it was one of those matches in which, like you and me playing in the park, the first dramatic achievement of actually holding your own service would surely be decisive.

We then passed on to different matters. I make no value judgments here, still less a genderist generalisation, but things were different when Boris Becker and Pete Sampras met. In sport, there are champions and, then again, there are Champions, These two men, triple Wimbledon winners both, are in the latter category. In the end, Sampras won 6-1, 6-7, 6-1,

Afterwards, Becker announced that this would be his last Wimbledon as he would not be playing any grand-slam tournaments next year. "I have come to the end of the road with my head up high," he said. He cannot, he said, cope with the physical stresses of a two-week tournament any longer.

When these two men match their wills, it is as if two boys were playing conkers — using diamonds istead of horse-chestnuts. Grasscourt tennis is, second, about serve, and, third, return of serve. It is first about will. The trouble is that with this pairing, in the will depart-ment, it is always going to be equal first. They were just going to have to decide this thing by termis.

Service against service. Becker has his rather involved quadruple crank-up. It seems to have got more complicated over the years. The Sampras delivery is barebones simple. He just ever so slightly brandishes his racket, as if

it were a tomahawk. And lets rip. Grass-court tennis is a minimalist sort of game. I hear that Richard Krajicek, the champion last year, is enthralled by Zen, the minimalist's religion of choice. The Zen method is based on the unanswerable question, the koan. The Sampras service is a Zen koan. Whack. Does a dog have Buddha-nature? No answer. Whack. What is the sound of one hand dapping? No answer again, but many hands dap.

Sampras has risen, in his usual fashion at a grand-slam tournament, without trace. His lack of theatricality, his air of mystery, make him an unwatched player in early rounds. In a sense, he is not worth watching. You simply can't plays someone of genuine quality. Bring on Boris.

Sampras came out of the traps at the speed of light and after seven minutes had reeled off the first three games, serving as powerfully as we expect, returning serve with a certainty that is beyond comprehension. The backhand return, in particular, is nonchalant, unhurried, almost a practice stroke.

There was a moment at 5-1 in the first set when Sampras seemed to have a crisis of doubt. It was as if he couldn't for a second believe how ridiculously well he was playing. A tiny thing, but in grass-





At Wimbledon

court tennis, which is like knifefighting, a small lapse tends to come a deep wound. And Becker was stabbing back

like anything inevitably losing the first but clambering back in the second. I have seen champions give up, sometimes in the face of extraordinary pressure, sometimes because they simply cannot bear the champion's load. This is not the case with Champions. Imagine getting into a fight with Sampras, or with Becker. You'd have to kill them, wouldn't you? There is no other option. And so Becker, not being completely dead, took the second set. Diamond cracked against diamond and it seemed that neither could break.

Becker has always been loved: a wonderful player who wears his heart on his sleeve. Sampras wears his heart inside his chest and keeps the shirt well-buttoned on top. There is a feeling among some people that such people as Sampras are bad for sport. Avoid such people. If brilliance in sport is a bad thing, it is time for us all to go home. For Sampras's response to Becker's fighthack was to lift his game still further. Out of the stratosphere: to Jupiter and be-yond the infinite.

news from No I Court was flashed onto the screen.

Rusedski had gone, Henman was going and Britain's fantasy life in tennis was over for another year. It was time to adjust ourselves to the real thing. That means

Becker did not lie down in the fourth set, quite the reverse. He troubled Sampras on many occasions. Troubled, but never worried. Sampras faces Todd Woodbridge in the next round. Poor old Woodbridge. Poor old anybody."

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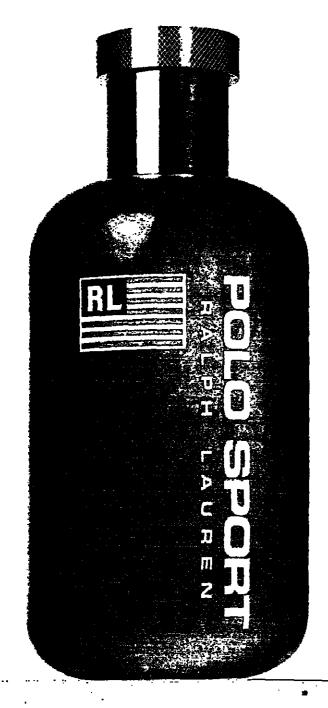
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have recently returned from Africa, from, I think, my fourteenth trip to the deep bush. Yet my first sight of the great wildebeest migration of the Serengeti reduced me to head-shaking disbelief and the muttering of awed vulgarities that were more prayers than blasphemies. The Sampras response to the Becker fightback produced the same ef-fect. It was beautiful, if brutality can ever be beautiful. The third set the first. As it progressed, so the

Did I say diamond? Koh-i-noor.

THE FITNESS FRACRANCE BY MALPH LAUREN



### Kournikova stays true to her origins

By OUR SPORTS STAFF

DOWN by the rubbish dump and old storehouses behind Sokolniki Park, Moscow, lies the Spartak Olympic Sports School. Nestled in an affluent corner of Florida stands the Nick Bollettieri Tennis Academy. Both claim to be behind the success of Anna Kournikova, the latest prodigy to challenge for the big prizes in the women's game.

Kournikova may have been training at the Bollettieri school for the past five years and Bollettieri himself may be casting a close eve over her progress throughout the fortnight from the sidelines in SW19, but staff at the Moscow school insist that the hardhitting, unseeded 16-year-old is their discovery alone. Furthermore, they say, there are dozens more where she came

Kournikova has attended the Spartak school since she was six and although only one of its 18 mostly clay courts is indoors - no mean handicap in a city where day-time temperatures are below freezing for four months of the year - Kournikova still trains there regularly and her family lives nearby. "All the credit's

going to that Bollettieri." the school's director. Natalya Kochetkova, said yesterday, "but she spends most of her time here. Kournikova's coach, Larisa Preobrazhenskaya, of Spartak, travels with her to tournaments. "We'll produce a lot more Kournikovas in future." Rosa Mukhamedzhanova. another Spartak coach, said,

We've dozens of very strong

under-12s and under-14s.

You're going to see a lot more

Russians in international

tournaments.\*

Staff at the school know Kournikova well. "The kid burned with a huge desire to play. You just couldn't get her off the court," Marina Tyuryakova, yet another coach, who worked with Kournikova for two years,



possibility of heavy rain and thunder.

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the French Open last year, and Kournikova.

P SAMPRAS (US) bt B BECKER (Ger) 6-1, 6-7, 6-1, 6-4 T A Woodbridge (Aus.) bt N Kiefer (Ger) 7-6, 2-6, 6-0, 6-4 M Stich (Ger) bt T HENMAN (GB) 6-3, 6-2, 6-4 C Pioline (Fr) bt G Rusadski (GB) 6-4, 4-6, 6-4, 6-3

Runners-up: £35,010



ings and old clay courts, the school is struggling to recover from a cut in funding caused by the collapse of the Soviet Union. True, tennis, with its bourgeois overtones, was never a favourite of the Soviet sporting authorities, who preferred team games and traditional disciplines such as athletics and gymnastics, but the thaw of glasnost that set in a decade ago. allowing young players to travel and hone their skills in international competition, spawned a new generation, led by Yevgeni Kalelnikov, who won

### Nijssen (Holf) end Y Bazuki (Indo) bt D ADAMS (SA) and A FUSAI (Fr) 6-4, 7-5

Runner-up: £207,500 Holder: R Krajicsk (Holl) Quarter-finals

Winners: £170,030

Holders: T A Woodbridge (Aus) and M Woodforde (Aus)

W Black (Zim) and J Grabb (US) bt D JOHNSON and F MONTANA (US) 5-4, 5-1, 6-2 M DAMM and P VIZNER (C2) bt N BROAD (GB) and P NORVAL (SA) 4-6, 4-6, 7-6, 6-4, 6-4

Winner: £373,500 Runner-up: £186,750 Holder: S Graf (Ger)

Women's singles

Women's doubles

M HINGIS (Swez) bt a Koumikova (Russ) 6-3 6-2 J NOVOTNA (Cz) bt a SANCHEZ VICARIO (Sp) 6-4, 8-2

Punners-up £73,270 Holders: M Hingis (Switz) and H Sukova (Cz) Third round J ARENDT (US) and M M BOULEGRAF (Holl) bt N Kymuta and N Miyagi (Japan) 6-2, 3-6, 6-1

Wednesday's late result L NEILAND (Lat) and H SUKOVA (Cz) b N TALIZIAT (Fr) and L M WLD (US) Mixed doubles Winners 272,200

Third round A OLHOVSKIY (Russ) and L MEILAND (Lat) bt W Arthurs (Aus) and T Krizan (Slovenia) 8-2, 7-6

Runners-up. £36,100

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Nijssen and Bazuki br M Keil and G Heigeson Nielsen (US) 6-3, 6-4 OLHOVSKIY and NEILAND bt P Nyloong and A Carlsson (Swe) 7-5, 6-3.

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Davids and M Oremans (Holf) 6-3, 6-4 Wednesday's late result

Second round N Broad (GB) and M de Swardt (SA) bt S STOLLE (Aus) and M J PERNAN-DEZ (US) 6-3, 3-6, 6-3

JL de Jager (SA) and M Hingis (Switz) bt PT Hand (GB) and V Lake (GB) 6-1, 5-3 M R J Petchey (GB) and C J Wood (GB) bt E Sánchez (Sp) and A Sánchez Vicarlo (Sp) 4-8 ref

Men's over-35 doubles Winners: £14,000 . Runners-up; £11,000 Holders: W J Floak (Pol) and T Wilkinson (US) First round (round robin)

M J Bales (GB) and R Krishnan (India) bt A A Mayer and G Mayer (US) 7-6, 6-2

J B Pitzgerald (Aus) and A Janyd (Swe) bt H Guardhardt (Switz) and B Taroczy (Hun) 5-3, 7-6
A Amstral and V Amstral (India) bt M R Edmondson and R J Frawley (Aus) 7-5, 7-8
W J Book (Roll) and T Millions A III's to D W J Floak (Pol) and T Wilkison (US) bt B Gifbert and T Mayotte (US) 6-3, 6-4

Men's over-45 doubles

Winners: £11,000 Runners-up: 8,750 Holders: J Alexander (Aus) and P Dent (Aus) Ouarter-finals

J Filial (Chile) and R I, Stockton (US) bt N A Fraser and A J Storne (Aus) 6-1, 6-O K Davidson (Aus) and E C Drysdele (SA) bt R C Lutz and R Tanner (US) 6-3, 6-4 J G Alexander and P C Dent (Aus) bt J D Newcombe and A D Roche (Aus) 6-4 6-4

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Wednesday's late result Newcombe and Roche bt J W Feaver (GB) and R Taylor (GB) 7-8, 7-8

Women's over-35 doubles

Winners: £10,000 Runners-up : £7.500 Holders: J M Durie (GB) and A E Smith (US) First round (round robin)

H. Mandilkova (Aus) and J. C. Russell (US) bt R. Casals and B. F. Stowe (Holl) 7-6, 6-2 J.M. Duria (GB) and A.E. Smith (US) bt R. Nidefler (SA) and S. Walsh (US) 6-1, 6-3 5-3 Charles and A Hobbs (GB) bt M Jetusovec (Slovenia) and Y Vermaak (SA) 7-5, 6-3

Boys' singles Holder: V Voltchkov (Bela) Second round

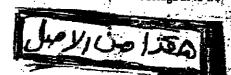
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F Gorzalez (Chie) bt D Belcher (GB) 6-3.
6-2; D Bisner (Ger) bt K Ivanov-Smolenski (Russ) 6-3. 8-1; L Hewitt (Aus) bt W Cheng (Taiwan) 6-1. 6-2; M Gregorz (Slovenia) bt M Zawer (Egypt) 7-5, 6-0; K Ziv (Isr) bt M Gohmus (Slovekia) 7-5, 6-0; K Maissee (Bel) bt T Messmer (Ger) 6-2. 6-2. W Whitehouse (SA) bt F Luzzi (It) 6-2. 2-6, 6-0; A Semoni (Br) bt O Sherwood (GB) 6-1, 7-6, A Bernes (GB) bt R Viv. (C2) 6-1, 6-3; O Flocker, (Bel) bt T Ferachi (Lepard 6-4, 5-7, 7-5; L Homa (Feru) bt S Dickson (GB) 6-4, 6-7, 8-2; B Variaty (US) bt I A Bates (GB) 6-3, 6-2; J Lismard (Fr) bt.) Christensen (Swe) 6-1, 8-2; F Cardinal (Arg) bt N Massu (Chie) 1-6, 7-8, 8-4.

Girls' singles Holder: A Meureemo (Fr)

Second round
J Horin (Bol) bit R Sanciu (Rom) 7-5, 6-4;
B Stewart (Aus) bit P Palencas (Med, 6-4),
3-8, 6-4, A Grahame (Aus) bit A Sebora (Sovekle) 6-0, 7-6; R Futiwara (Japan) bit
N Grandin (SA) 7-6, 6-2; I Selbatra (Raz)
bit I Visic (Cro) 6-2, 6-2; S Rizz; (Fr) bit M
Matavato (Sovenia) 2-6, 6-3, 6-2; C Black
(Zm) bit E Dytberg (Den) 6-3, 6-4; A-1
Tordoff (GB) bit T Poutchet; 2-6, 6-4, 9-7
A Ripponer (US) bit K Elliot (GB) 6-4, 6-4; A-1
Ram (GB) bit B Colosso (Br) 4-6, 6-3; B-51; Woe'rr (Ger) bit L van Hooyen (SA) 7-5, 6-1; M Mersean (Den) bit E Dommelouic (Res)
4, 6-2; A Morigami (Japan) bit M Sequena
(Ven) 6-4, 6-3; Z Gubacas (Hurr) 5-7
Popescu (Can) 2-6, 7-6, 6-1

☐ Pete Sampras is 52 m favourite with William Hill to win the men's singles title after beating Boris Becker in the quarter-finals. Michael Stich is quoted at 41, with Cedric Pioline at 11-2 and Told Woodbridge at 16-L.



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### Australian doubles specialist flies solo

BY NICK SZCZEPANIK

Sampras - and then there was the other one, in which Todd Woodbridge defeated Nicolas Kiefer to reach his first grand siam singles semifinal. It was a match of wild fluctuations and occasional bad temper. Woodbridge winning it 7-6, 2-6, 6-0, 6-4.

If the seeding committee had had anything to do with it, this would have been a stellar confrontation between the No 3 and No 5 seeds, Yevgeny Kafelnikov and Michael Chang, but what do they

know? Instead, had Woodbridge, the Australian conqueror of Chang, winner of innumerable doubles titles but in unfamiliar territory as

singles player, and Nicolas Kiefer, a German, 20 tomor- looking supremely comfortrow, who had put out Medvedev as well as Kafelnikov.

Kiefer, who was hoping to reach a semi-final against
Boris Becker, his coach, got an at the opening of the fourth
early break, to the dismay of set, but thereafter games went reach a semi-final against the large Australian contingent in the seats out in the . at deuce on the Woodbridge wilds of No 2 Court, but they soon found their voices as Woodbridge broke back to held service and broke in the level the set at 3-3. It went to a tie-break, taken by Wood-bridge, during which Kiefer incurred a code violation for racket ahuse:

Kiefer, feeling hard done-by because Woodbridge had escaped a warning for an earlier spot of racket-flinging, had words with the umpire. Yours was worse," he was har;" before asking for a toilet break, not waiting for a reply before taking one anyhow.

The backchat continued

after the first game of the second set, but this time the talking was done by Wood-



THERE, was Henman's quar- bridge, who cut an increasingter-final, there was Rusedski's. ly disconsolate figure as the there was Becker versus second set passed him by, 6-2 All the more surprising, then, that the Australian took the third 6-0. Was the fact that Kiefer needed treatment on his right shoulder, injured in a fall during the first-set tie-break a possible explanation?

"I had some pain when I served, but I want to say it's not the reason why I lost,"
Kiefer said. "He served well,
he had good volleys, good serves, good returns. I tried to do my best, but no success." Perhaps because it is Ashes year, locals were supporting the German.

but one pro-tracted rally in the third set Woodbridge reminded everyone of the qualities that have made him a doubles

champion, able at the net. Then, for no obvious reason, the game settled back into the pattern of the first set.

with service until a rain delay service.

On the restart, Woodbridge next, crucial: game. Kiefer, 30-15 up, netted a gift smash; then, at deuce, a Woodbridge forehand right on the line gave the Australian a break point and the German another reason to query a decision.

The break was gained when

Kiefer lost his footing, not for the first time, and slid into the net. The Australian served out told. Kiefer should "Youarea : to win, staying behind to take the acclaim of his supporters; Kiefer disappeared quickly. failing to shake hands with the

unapire.
The loser may have had his officialdisagreements with official-dom, but on reflection, he was satisfied with the achievement of reaching a quarter-final in only his third grand-slam tournament after being a firstround loser in the other two. "Perfect," he agreed, "a very successful tournament for me." He also found some gracious words for his oppoment. "He has a good chance." he said. "He doesn't play very fast, but he is very clever." ☐ Gerry Armstrong and

Jeremy Shales, two of the tongest-serving umpires at the championships, will take charge of this year's singles finals. Armstrong, from East Dean, Sussex, has been given the men's final for the second time, the first being in 1988.



made a surprise appearance during the women's singles semi-final between Anna Kournikova and Martina Hingis yesterday. It was quite bizarre and not what one really expects at this stage in a tournament So, I'll have one of yours

and you have one of mine," seemed to be the deal unofficially struck between the two. celebrated 16-year-olds as each obligingly dropped their service game for the other. Down went a broken Hingis, down went a broken Kournikova and so on and so on. "OK. so you've got mine and now I get yours, right? Where are we now? 3-3? Well, that's all right then."

... Well, we have all made bargains like that in our lives and lived to rue them afterwards, as little Kournikova surely did yesterday. Many a suicide pact has an unexpectedly bleak result for just one of the participants, when they end up the only one dead. Now, suddenly, with the match standing at a nicely fair 3-3 in the first set, Hingis welched on the deal and started to win on her own service. Puzzled, Kournikova continued to lose her own service games ("We agreed, remember?"), but Hingis has forgotten the rules of swapsies. and got carried away.

in the 2min, and with a big Colgate smile, the No i seed disposed of Kournikova. Hingis smiles when she is angry, you know, and it's spooky. You should always steer clear of people who do After the match, Hingis





Kicking & Screaming

dismissed the idea of a rivalry between herself and the Rus sian girl. "How is it a rivalry?" she shrugged, smiling. "I beat her." Which you have to admit has a certain clinical logic. Kournikova played well yesterday, though; her drop shots were more cunning and lethal than Hingis's (which are as weak as water) and she came up with vastly more original ideas. In the end, I found myself backing Kournikova, partly because she didn't look as bored as Hingis and partly because she doesn't have her first name embroidered in curly script on her iacket - an off-putting adjunct to the young Martina that does not accord with the on-so-mature headband at all.

To be honest, I don't warm to either of them, though for different reasons. As far as Kournikova is concerned, one assumes that female teenage tennis stars — with their long legs and youthful bosoms have always been assessed as jail bait, but at Jeast the Russian doesn't make grunting and squeaking noises. which would be too much.

Hingis celebrates victory and a place in the women's final yesterday in her usual manner — with a smile

Yeteven if other people's perceptions are mainly beyond her control, girliness can be handled in different ways and the Lolita-ish Kournikova has the very real option of not wearing the sort of dinky hair slides usually favoured by primary-school children. People talk about the clothes specially the knickers), but it's the pretty Boots hair-slide that really worries me. Facially, she could be eight-years-old and it's a struggle to remind oneself that, at 16, she is old enough to be married.

With Hingis, on the other hand, it is a struggle to remember that, at 16, she is too young to drive, since she would look perfectly at home at the wheel of a Centurion tank with a cigarillo between her teeth. Perhans it's the bandana that confuses things. Every so often, a flash of puppy fat sets me right about her true age, but then I forget again, being so caught up in her adamantine ring of confidence. What misleads is the wide, sophisticated un-teeny smile, suggestive of a woman who has seen enough of life to be entertained by setbacks.

You should watch that grown-up smile, though, because it is often belied by the body language - as petulant as any other teenager's. Hingis hurls her racket and smiles; she contests a line call and smiles: she refuses to tidy her acne creams into her Smurfs travelling cosmeticscase and smiles. She was just

even when they are her own.

anything else. It's an afflic-Considering the match was

semi-final, both young women played with a puzzling lack of zing, as if merely rehearsing for a grander occasion. Which was odd. Kournikova seemed marginally more intent on displaying her abilities, but both were giving nothing away. Teenagers can be very mean sometimes and these two evidently both considered squandering sixpence and then primly decided the pony fund should come first. Perhaps they were fed up

about the meagre crowd, too. Centre Court ticket-holders were miffed about missing the Rusedski and Henman matches, both scheduled for No I Court, and instead of turning up for Hingis and Kournikova, they sulked in tents outside.

fter the match. Kournikova redeemed herself by giving Some rather smart answers at the press confer ence. Did she think she could beat Hingis one day at a grand-slam tournament? "Well, anybody can, you know," she said. Did it help to have her mother watching her, knowing she was on her side? "Well." Kournikova said, "it would be funny if she

wouldn't be on my side." What a brilliant answer that was. I have to say I like a girl who can picture her own mother rooting for the opposition. Like her inventive tennis, it belies her baby face and shows she has a rare and precious capacity for lateral

a respectable defeat at the hands of Larisa Nieland and Helena Sukova,

Some players seem just plain greedy, still in three competitions. Until a shoulder injury to her brother and mixed doubles partner, Emilio Sanchez, led to the defaulting of the Sánchez Vicario was on course for a however, had no such misfortune

### SPORTINBRIEF

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### Barrichello blames new tyres for crash

RUBENS BARRICHELLO escaped unhurt from a 175mph crash during testing at Silverstone yesterday and then blamed the incident on new tyre rules in Formula One motor racing. Barrichello, who was trying out a set of the new grooved tyres that will be introduced next year, suffered a rear suspension failure on the entry to Stowe corner in his Stewart-Ford. The 24-year-old Brazilian was pitched into a spin before skipping across a gravel trap and hitting a tyre wall backwards.

"I don't like the new tyres, especially after the experience I have had." Barrichello said afterwards. "Something broke on the rear suspension, which put me into a spin, but if I had been on this year's tyres, I would have just spun into the gravel. Silverstone is a safe track, but what if my accident had happened at places where there is not this much safety."

### Milton returns

EQUESTRIANISM: Two of Britain's leading show-jumpers, John Whitaker and Geoff Billington, will fulfil dual roles at the Horse of the Year Show at Wembley in September when, in addition to taking part in the competitive classes, they will star in a display, entitled Simply The Best, that charts the making of an international rider. Simply The Best will include a guest appearance by Whitaker's former

### Rose blossoms in defeat

HOCKEY: A brilliant goalkeeping display by Hilary Rose was not enough to prevent England from losing 2-1 to South Korea in the six nations' tournament in Seoul yesterday. An unstoppable shot by Lee Eun Young two minutes from time helped the Olympic silver medal-winners to their second victory of the tournament. England had taken the lead in the seventeenth minute through Jane Sixsmith, but Lee Ji Young

### Scotland in command

BOWLS: Scotland are in a strong position to win the home international series at Worthing after a thumping 158-85 win over the Channel Islands yesterday saw them record the first 22-0 whitewash using the competition's new points-scoring system. Wales, who defeated Ireland, 129-999 and by 17-5, will need to beat England today if they are to deny Scotland and win the title for the second time in three years.

### Silver shoots clear

RIFLE SHOOTING: Three senior NCOs of the RAF Regiment, all former rifle champions, will be in close combat at Bisley today in the fourth round of the RAF service rifle championship. Fit-Sgt Mick Silver will start 12 points ahead of Fit-Sgt Dave Vick, with Sgt John Prictor one point further adrift. In the naval Queen's Medal, WO Tom Sands holds a

### Hodge takes the lead

RUGBY UNION: Scotland go into the final match of their tour of southern Africa today without Andy Nicol, their inspirational captain. Duncan Hodge, the Watsonians standoff half, takes over the role for the game against Eastern Province in Port Elizabeth. Craig Joiner, the Leicester wing, is also out with a viral infection, but Scotland will be strengthened by the return of Cameron Murray at centre.

### RUGBY LEAGUE

### Defeat adds extra spur for Edwards

By a CORRESPONDENT

SHAUN EDWARDS will need no motivation when he runs out for London Broncos at the Stoop Memorial Ground tonight to take on Wigan Warriors. The scrum half, who won more honours than anyone in the game during his 13 years at Wigan, is still smarting from the 39-10 defeat that the Broncos suffered at Central Park in May.

"We were embarrassed by the way we performed there." Edwards said. "I think we went into the game a little overconfident because we had been playing well and Wigan

That is not the case now and Edwards believes that Wigan are, at present, the best team in the Stones Super League. "If we give them 60 per cent of possession, we're going to get flogged because they have so many matchwinners that they are going to score a lot of

Edwards paid tribute to Tony Smith, the man signed to replace him. "He's playing some outstanding football at the moment, but I want to show him that there's life in the old dog yet," he said.

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BOWLS: Men's home premational British championships (at Worthing), 8 (Ish women's national championships Avr) Awr)
GOLF: Murphy's Insh Open (at Druds Gien,
County Wicklow), Lawrence Bettey Seniors
(at Huddersfield)
HOWING: Henley royal regatte.
TENNIS: All England Championships (at
Wimbledon)

### Numbers game conspires to spoil the Broad picture

BY NICK SZCZEPANIK

ONE of the side-effects of the downpours of last week that may have escaped the attention of the wider world was the reduction of the Wimbledon men's doubles competition from the usual best-of-five sets to a best-of-three in an effort to fit in the record number of delayed matches from the first week. Only as far as the quarter-finals, mind you — there are standards to be upheld, after all. However, Neil Broad, Tim

Henman's partner and fellow silver medal-winner at the Atlanta Olympic Games, may be wishing that the

competition had remained at three sets for the duration. With two sets played against Martin Damm and Pavel Vizner, of the Czech Republic, Broad and Piet Norval, of South Africa: his regular partner, were leading 6-4, 6-4. That was as good as it got, Broad and Norval going out in five sets, the remaining scores being 6-7-4-6-4-6

For other competitors, the doubles competitions represent a second opportunity to make progress after inevitable, or, in some cases, unex-pected early exits from singles competitions. One such is Chanda Rubin, ranked No 31 in the world and a

player of whom much was expected after a return from a long period of Short of match practice, she arri-

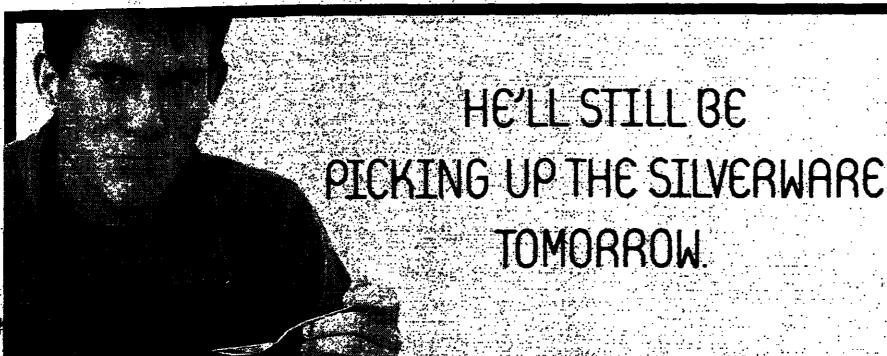
ved at Wimbledon to find herself up against the other teenage focus of media attention, Anna Kournikova. As everyone knows, she made a similarly premature exit, taking just two games in the course of two sets. The doubles have been her salvation. If she felt she had not played enough games or won enough points to make her visit to these shores worthwhile. the third-round defeat suffered by Rubin and her partner, Brenda Schultz-McCarthy, at the hands of

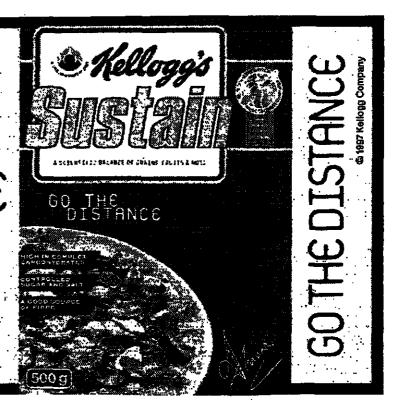
Hingis and Sánchez Vicario, would have changed her mind. She lost 7-6. 6-7, 13-11. In the mixed event, Rubin and Justin Gimelstob, also from the United States, reached the second round with a victory against — small world -- Murphy Jensen and none other than Schultz-McCarthy.

Rubin is not an isolated case, of course. Linda Wild, the world No 44, was a first-round loser on an outside court, with all the attention being garnered by her opponent, Karen Cross, the British qualifier. However, with Donald Johnson, she advanced to the second round of the mixed and. seeded No 10 with Nathalie Tauziat,

the No 4 seeds.

pair on Wednesday evening, Arantxa triple of ladies' singles, mixed dou-bles and ladies' doubles. Her ladies' doubles partner, Martina Hingis, and continued to advance on all





## Catt ready to grab Lions' share

RUGBY CORRESPONDENT IN VANDERBLILPARK

MIKE CATT will wear the No 10 jersey for the British Isles in the final match of their tour, against South Africa in Johannesburg tomorrow. For the boy from Port Elizabeth, it will be the crowning moment in his playing career.

Catt, the Bath stand-off half, is one of four changes to the XV that clinched the international series in Durban last weekend. Though most of them stem from the injuries that have crowded in on the Lions in the past few days, it is no bad thing for the management to inject new blood in the form of players desperately seeking their hour in the

Catt, 25, replaces Gregor during training on Wednesday with a recurring thigh injury. He will be joined by three other Englishmen though these Lions disdain national groupings — among them Tony Underwood, who has had to wait until the final match of his second Lions tour before appearing in an inter-Underwood will play in

stead of Alan Tait on the left wing, the position occupied with distinction by his older brother, Rory, in six successive Lions internationals during 1989 and 1993. It is a position he has earned by applying himself to his defensive duties while losing none of his zest in attack and he will provide the Lions with more pace on the flanks than they enjoyed either in Cape Town

In the pack, Mark Regan has recovered his best form to replace Keith Wood at hooker and Neil Back comes in for Richard Hill at open-side flanker. Hill, whose calf was heavily stamped on during the international last Saturday, retreats to the bench in the knowledge that he has already made an immense contribution to the success of this tour. but Back has warranted a place at Ellis Park after a series of riveting displays.



Regan, whose throwing at the lineout has been crucial to his call-up, practises his technique yesterday

It is no coincidence that some of the best rugby played by the Lions has been when Catt has been at stand-off and Back on the flank. Catt's selfconfidence, his speed off the mark and the width of his passing have been distinctive features here and, coincidentally, he will oppose the new South Africa pivot, Jannie de Beer, against whom he played when De Beer was a student at Grey's, Bloemfontein, and

Catt a pupil at Grey's, Port Elizabeth. Indeed, when the Lions played the third international of 1980 at the Boet Erasmus stadium in Port Elizabeth. Catt, whose family lived two minutes away, watched as an eight-year-old. "It's another opportunity in life: I have been very fortunate," he said. "One of my goals, since arriving in England, has been to beat South Africa in South Africa.

"I sat on the bench last week and soaked up the atmosphere and that was immense, but actually to walk on the field with the Lions jersey on,

BRITISH ISLES

N R Jenkins (Pontypridd and Wales); J Bentiley (Newcastle and England), I S Gibbs (Swanssa and Wales), J C Guscott (Bath and England), T Underwood (Newcastle and England); M J Catt (Beth and England), M J S Dewson (Northampton and England), T S Wallace (Saracers and Insland), L B N Dellegife (Wasps and England), M O Johnson (Jetester and England), T A K Rodber (Northampton / Army and England), Replacements: T R G Stimpson (Newcastle and England), A Belack (Lelostler and England), T A K Rodber (Northampton / Army and England), Replacements: T R G Stimpson (Newcastle and England), A Belacement (Richmond and Wales), A Heeley (Lecoster and England), B H Williams (Rechmond and Wales), D Young (Cardiff and Wales), D Young (Cardiff and Wales), R A

representing the northern hemisphere in one of the biggest rugby arenas in the world, is something I have never done. It's great to have the talent we have here, it's something. I thrive on. These are top-class players playing the sort of game I enjoy and although we will probably have to tighten up a bit, I will still hope to take opportunities

"I don't mean we should go out and play Barbarian rugby, but we need to get continuity going as early as possible so we can create space out wide or go through the middle with Scott Gibbs. But to do that, we must have the ball and that means more hard graft for the forwards."

when they arise.

Regan, the Bristol hooker, has seen how his front-row

colleagues have applied themselves in the first two internationals and will be in no mood to let the side down. He slid to third choice during the first half of the tour, behind Barrie Williams as well as Wood, but started to dig his way back against the Emerging Spring-boks and clinched the issue against Northern Free State on Tuesday, while Williams had a comparatively anonymous game against Free State

"Mark's throwing at the lineout has been excellent and we were delighted with his allround play on Tuesday," Ian McGeechan, the coach, said. The set-pieces will be key again, but we were looking to try and put more flexibility into what we can do with

#### **ATHLETICS**

### **Backley values medal**

championship gold ahead of out of a chance to win up to \$250,000 (about £150,000) in

The Bislett Games is the first of the "golden four" meetings, comprising the grands prix of Oslo, Zurich. Brussels and Berlin. Athletes who win at all four venues, in any of the ten designated events, share 20 one-kilogram gold bars. The javelin is a designated event this

summer. However, swollen glands. which flared up after his victory in the British grand prix at Sheffield on Sunday, prevent Backley from being here to see whether he could repeat his victory over Jan Zelezny, the Olympic and world champion, from the Czech Republic, in Helsinki two weeks ago. That win set Backley on a run of three successive victories, including the European Cup title. Now the Briton's momentum has been interrupted, though his withdrawal is more pre-

cautionary than anything. The difference between now and five years ago is that Steve would probably have tried to do the meeting," John Trower, Backley's coach, said. "Now the world championships are all that count."

nouncement that she will not be going to Athens to defend her 400 metres title will heighten temptation for the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) to invite all its reigning world champions, whether or not they have been selected by their national

Perec, like Michael Johnson, achieved a double of 200



Backley: precaution

metres and 400 metres at the Johnson's failure to qualify for the United States' team for Athens leaves the IAAF facing the unsatisfactory position of being without its two star turns from Atlanta. By this time of year, the sport is normally well into its stride of world records, but, with the appalling weather at every iropean grand prix so far this season, there has not been one. The sun shone here yesterday, however, and, if the weather holds today, Haile Gebrselassie, of Ethiopia, may claim the 10,000 metres

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### Scenes from a castle

**Garden Party** 

Channel 4, 8.00pm The jury may still be out on the format but the programme has steadily gained in polish and authority since a nervous start last year. The auntotry since a nervous start tast year. The ingering question is about involving members of the public in demonstrations of gardening know-how. It is fine in theory to let ordinary gardeners come before the camera to vent their problems but can make for study television. This week the advice is being discoused from Sutelew Cattle in advice is being dispensed from Sudeley Castle in the Cotswolds, one of the finest locations for the series so far. Boasting a history which goes back to Henry VI, and with 20th-century contributions from designers such as Lanning Roper, John Coddrington and Rosemary Verey, the gardens are particularly noted for their collection of oldfashioned roses. The resident host, Tom Barber, is joined by Carol Klein and Sue Phillips. Auntie's Sporting Bloomers BBC1, 8.30pm

Tonight's anthology of gaffes is recommended not because the quality is any better or worse than usual but to salute a watertight formula. Given that sportspeople are as likely to make fools of themselves as those who sit in the commentary better the exist could evaluable up for our Cricket. box, the series could probably run for ever. Cricket features strongly in this latest collection, with Chris Cowdrey as the studio guest. But some of the best cricketing bloomers have been on radio, mostly perpetrated by the late Brian Johnston. His fit of giggles over an unfortunate description of a Botham dismissal is a classic. But back to the box where we also see an Irish rugby player having his shorts ripped of and the German keeper who saved that Stuart Pearce penalty embarrassed by a soft goal. What a pity that Terry Wogan's links are so laboured.

Horizon Special: Destination Mars BBC2, 8.35pm

This evening the American Pathfinder probe is due to land on Mars. It is the signal for three days of programmes on BBC2 with this *Horizon* film setting the scene. It goes back to the 1960s, when the United States and the Soviet Union were competing in space as furiously as they were waging the Cold War on Earth. Even as the Cuban



Popular pals (C4, 9.00pm)

missile crisis threatened to set off a nuclear war, the USSR launched Mars 1 and the Americans replied with the first of many Mariner unmanned spacecraft. The triumphs (few) and disasters (frequent) are recalled by participants on both sides. But the huge question is whether the ample photographic evidence of riverbeds, vokanoes and rift valleys can support a theory of life on Mars. Nobody expects Pathfinder to come up with the answer but its trip should still be worthwhile.

#### Channel 4. 9.00pm

There has a been a considerable media debate since Friends was last on the air, with opinion divided as to whether it is one of the best sitcoms ever or unwatchable rubbish. This column goes to neither extreme. Friends has the strengths of American television comedy, as well as the weaknesses. On the credit side are the pace and the energy and the sharp one-liners, but there is also an impersonal, assembly-line feel. It is no surprise that the series has a huge writing team, whereas in Britain most sitcoms are delivered by one writer or at most two. But in the end it comes down to whether these friends, professionally-aspiring flatsharing New Yorkers eternally moving in and out of relationships, are your sort of friends. The puess is that the show is mostly watched by its come. guess is that the show is mostly watched by its own generation, the under-30s, but this could be quite

Second in an absorbing four-part series in which

per section in an ansoroing four-part series in which Dr Raj Persaud talks to people who have become involved in trying to resolve hostage situations. Today he deals with the Spaghetti House siege in Knightsbridge, London, in 1975. Two factors made the siege particularly interesting: it was the first of its kind in Britain and it was the product of a robbery that went wrong. The police were alerted to the feet that a publicat une belief alone but.

to the fact that a robbery was taking place but

when they arrived at the restaurant the thieves took the staff hostage in a storeroom. The siege lasted five days. Because it was the first one in Britain and because it began as a robbery, neither the police nor the hostage takers had much experience of such a situation.

Peter Barnard

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. News on the hour 6,00am Newsday 6.30 Europe 7.15 World Today 7.30 Living Together 8.15 Off the Shell 8.30 Music Review 9.10 Pause for Thought 9.15 Performance 9.30 John Peel 10,05 Business 10.15 Learning World 10.30 BBC English 10.45 Sport 11.30 Assignment 12.30pm Falth 1.05 Business 1.15 British 1.30 Body of Knowledge 1.45 Sport 2.00 Newshour 3.05 Outlook 3.30 Wirnbledon 4.05 Footbal 4.15 Four Caliphe 4.30 News in German 6.00 Europe 5.30 Business 5.45 British 6.15 World Today 6.30 News in German 6.40 Spotlight 6.45 Sport 7.30 Faith 8.01 Outlook 8.25 Pause for Thought 8.30 Multitrack 9.00 Newshour 10.05 Business 10.15 British 10.30 People and Politics 11.30 World Today 11.45 Sport 12.05am Outlook 12.30 Multitrack 1.30 From the Weeklies 1.45 British 2.30 Streets of London 3.30 People and Politics 4.05 Business 4.15 Sport 4.30 Weekend 4.45 Off the Shell 5.00 Outlook 5.45 Music Brist

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VIRGIN RADIO

sta. Poulanc (Clarinet Sonata): Devinne (Bassoon Sonata

Radio 4, 10.00am (FM only)

Sounding the Century: The Illuminati Radio 3, 10.20pm

The last in a short series about the intellectual movements which have helped to shape the 20th century, a series which has had the incidental benefit of underlining the fact that continental Europe and the US tend to be the habitat of movements whereas Britain has produced more in the way of significant individuals. Tonight's programme, presented by Michael Ignalieff, considers the Sante Fe Institute, which was founded 13 years ago in New Mexico by a group of scientists frustrated by the lack of action in their "day job" at Los Alamos, where the atomic bomb was developed. The best-known product of the Sante Fe group, who are still widely regarded as faddists, is their work in developing chaos theory.

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RADIO 2 6.00am Charles Nove 7.30 Serith Kennedy 9.30 Alex Laster 11.30 Jimmy Young 1.30pm Debbie Thrower 3.00 Ed Stewart 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Hubert Gregg 7.30 Friday Night is Music Night, From the Hippodrome in Golders Green, festuring the BBC Concert Orchestra, under Barry Wordsworth 9.15 Born Free 9.30 Listen to the Band 10.00 Sheriden Morley

RADIO 5 LIVE 5.00em Moming Reports 6.00 The Breekfast Programme 9.09 The Magazine 12.00 Middey News 1.00pm Wirrloledon 97 8.00 Friday Sport. Includes the Super League game between landing on the Red Planet by the Pathfinder probe 10.00 Paper Talk 11.00 News Extra with David McNett 12.00 After Hours 2.00em Up All Night with Richard Deliyn

TALK RADIO

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6.00am On Air, with Andrew McGregor, Include

12.00 Composers of the Week: Scrium Canada includes music from d'indy, Turins, Nin and

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1.00pm News; Lunchtime Concert. Live from the Cartwright Hall, Bradford. The Emperor Quartet. Henry Cowell (String Quartet No 4, United); Beethoven (String Custret in F minor, Op 95)

2.00 Private Passlons: Shella Colvin, the outgoing general director of the Aldeburgh Foundation chooses Jobin's A Falicadade from the soundtrack of Black Orpheus. Lotte Larya shiging Well's Searauber-Jenny from The Threepanny. Opera and a scene from Verdi's Falisteff (1)

3.00 Milning the Archive. Anchew Green Introduces a selection of recordings made at the Three Choirs.

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(string duriner in E. 1887, Op 97)
Musical Encounters, with Susan Sharpe.
Includes Part (O Immarusel, Magnificat Antiphons);
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(Trois Métodies); C.P.E. Bach (Trio Sonata in A,
Wq 146); Poutenc (Suite, Les Bichas)
Composers of the Weet: Schola Cantorum.

6.00em Russ 'n' Jono's Breaklast in New York 10.00 Graham Dene 1.00pm Jerenty Clark 4.00 Nick Abbot 7.00 Paul Coyle (FM) / Robin Bents (AM) 10.00 Alen Freemen 12.00 Mark Forrest 2.00am Richard Porter

5.00 Music Machine. With the help of the composer Sarah Class, Tommy Pearson attempts to find out if it is possible to create a story in music so that listeners can tell what is going on without the help Posentavalier)

9.00 Morning Collection, with Peter Hobday, Includes Ives, arr Schuman (Variations on America);

Vaughan Williams (The Lark Ascending); Dvořák (String Culmtet in E flat, Op 97)

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5.15 in Tune, with Jeremy Nicholas, includes Sousa (March: The Liberry Bell); lives (The Fourth of July); Dudiey Buck (Concert Variations on The Star-Spengled Berner); Buson (Indian Fantasy)

7.25 Royal Opera Verdi Festival: Simon Boccanegra. Live from Covert Garden. With Sergel Lefferlos, Kallen Espertan, Jaako Ryhanen, Placido Domingo, Peter Sidhom, Jeremy White, and Arna Cooper 8.50 The Verdi Cuiz. Sir Edward Downes and Mark Eider are joined by Mana Cieva, Robert Lloyd, Anthony Michaels-Moore and Peter Sidhom 8.10 Acts two and three

10.20 Sounding the Century: The filtuminati. See Choice (5/5) Choice (5/5)
10.45 Hear and Now, with Sarah Walker Includes a

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12.15am Composers of the Weelc Parts 1750 (f)
1.15 Saxophone Colossus. John Suman talks to the saxophonist Sonny Rollins about his great triendship with John Coltrare and his menter Thelonius Monk (3/6) (f)
1.45 Through the Night, with Donald Macleod, Includes 1.45 Robert Worle, tenor, Michael Schopper, bass, Claron McFadden, soprano, La Stagone Vocal Ensemble and Orchestra, under Michael Schmeider, Ignaz Holzbauer (Günther von

Michael Schneider. Ignaz Holzbauer (Gürther von Schwerzburg) 4.45 Ravel (Daphnis end Chioe)

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW) 6.00 News Briefing 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today 8.40 Yesterday in Parliament 9.00 News 9.05 Depart Island Discs, Sue Lawley's

Philharmonic, under John Sanders. Malcoim Williamson (Mass of Christ the King)

9.00 News 9.05 Desert Island Discs, Sue Lawley's castaway is Bruce Forsyth (r)
9.45 Feedback, with Chris Dunkley
10.00 News; Negotiators (FM), See Choice (2/4)
10.00 An Act of Worship (LW)
10.15 On This Day (LW)
10.30 Woman's Hour (FM only from 10.50), with Main Nicolson in Manchester
10.50-1,00pm Test Match Special (LW), Coverage of the second day of the third Test between England and Australia at Old Trafford
11.30 The Natural History Programme (FM).

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Presented by Joanna Princek

12.00 News; You and Yours (FM), with Mark Whittaker

12.25pm Food Programme (FM), with Derek Cooper

1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke

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1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast

1.40-6.30 Test Marich Special (LW). Continued coverage from Old Trafford

2.00 News (FM); Classic Serial: North and South.
The first of Charlotte Keetley's three part dramatisation of Elizabeth Gaskel's tale of a woman who moves from Hampshire to

woman who moves from Hampshire to Manchester. With Emby Mortimer (r)

3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift (FM)

4.00 News 4.05 Kaleldoscope (FM). Tim Marlow explores the art of the Japanese woodcut as a new exhibition opens at the Royal Academy of Art

in London
4.45 Short Story: On a Tiled Countyard I Pick Upthe Years (FM). Writen by Ah Shang, translated
by Eva Hung and read by Chowee Leow
5.00 PM (FM) 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather

6.00 Stx O'Clock News (FM)
6.30 A Man with Latitude. David Nell Lodge continues to negotiate his route through Europe with the help of listeners' recommendations
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Pick of the Week, Selected by Chris Serie
8.05 Arry Questions? Jonathan Dimbleby chairs the topical debate in Southend-on-Sea, Essex. The penel includes Edwina Currie and Merches Campbell, MP
8.50 Law in Action. Going in court in receive leads.

8.50 Law in Action. Going to court to resolve legal problems is being discouraged more and more. Marcel Berlins explores whether our legal system. really can deliver cheaper, quicker, fairer and

really can deliver cheaper, quicker, fairer and simpler justice

9.15 Letter from America, by Alistair Cocke

9.30 Kaleidoscope Feature: Riding the Rilver—
Poetry and Jazz in Britain. The rhythmic spoken word set against improvised music was made popular in the 1950s by the Beat poets and Jack Kerouac. John Harvey explores the relationship between poetry and jazz (r)

10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lustig

10.45 Book at Bedtime: The Monkey King, by Timothy Mo. Read by David Yip (10/10)

11:00 Week Ending. A sideways look at the week's events with the comedy revue team

11.25 Fourth Column. Presented by Times columnist John Diamond

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11.45 The Big Umbrella: Over the Sea to Skye. The
first of five radio essays on original ideas. Nigel
Lewis is led into a magical world by the metaphor:
"Write horses on the sea" (r)
12.00 News 12.30 The Late Book: The Giant's
House by Effected McCarchen (Ed. N. C.) House, by Efizabeth McCracken (5/10) (r)
12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service

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**FOOTBALL** 

### Celtic go Dutch with Jansen

By OUR SPORTS STAFF

Wim Jansen, the former Fevenoord coach, as their new head coach. Jansen's appointment, ten weeks after the dismissal of Tommy Burns, followed swiftly an announcement in Portugal that Artur Jorge would remain in charge of the national side. Jorge had

been widely tipped for he Jansen, who has also

CELTIC ended weeks of spec-coached Sanfrecce Hiroshima, memories." Jansen said. ulation yesterday by naming of the J-League in Japan, has "They were involved in the Holland, started.

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new players during a threematch pre-season tour of which has just Jansen, 53, was in the Fevernoord side that beat Celtic

final. "It is a big challenge that I welcome. Celtic has always

ened a three-vear contract at Celtic Park. He will meet his

had a special place in my

eatest day of my career the 1970 European Cup final against Fevenoord - and I want to bring Celtic back to the highest level. I am delighted to joining such a famous club." Fergus McCann, the managing director, said: "This appointment is of consider-

able importance to everyone who cares about Celtic. That is why it has been important not to make a quick and careless decision." Fabrizio Ravanelli is facing disciplinary action from Middlesbrough after failing to THE RATE OF report back for training yesterday. The Italy striker, who is expected to leave the club

> from the FA Carling Liverpool, Everton and Borussia Dortmund are all reported to be interested in signing Ravanelli, but with no official bid received, Middlesbrough will fine and possibly suspend him if no reasonable

before the start of the season,

has already said that he will not play for Middlesbrough

again after their relegation

explanation is forthcoming. Sasa Curcic, the Aston Villa midfield player, was another import to miss the start of training. Curcic, who is on the transfer list, is stranded in Spain with an expired visa. "It is sloppy more than anything else. He has simply forgotten to renew his visa," Brian Little, the Villa manager, said. Alan Thompson, the Bolton Wanderers midfield player, has agreed an extension to his contract that will keep him at the club until the end of the

WORD-WATCHING

(a) Somebody who prepares material in detail. Thus a researcher, editor, sub-editor, etc. From the Greek for "someone who prepares things". "There is really nothing to being a journo diaskeuast, Michael. You simply check all facts and spellings.

cut the first and last sentences of every article, and remove all attempts at jokes."

(a) With conscious intent, deliberately, on purpose (of words and phrases so used "advisedly"). It is odd that it should have got this

meaning, since 99.99 per cent of the time words used advisedly are so used not because of advice given by others but one the basis of the speaker's own pig-headed convictions.

(c) A game or recreation. Derived, believe it or not, from pass and time.

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## chase over gold rush

FROM DAVID POWELL IN OSLO

STEVE BACKLEY out world gold bars vesterday when he withdrew from the Bislett Games that take place here tonight. Backley, the world No I on present form, pulled gold bars rather than risk his prospects for the world championships in Athens next

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(c) An invalid - more especially one with a tendency to

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## Kill off the leading man? A blissful idea

REVIEW

Matthew

Bond

Decimonic plague, I now know, is a nasty illness. It begins with a cough and ends, a few highly unpleasant hours later, with a gargle. It's the sort of contagious disease that you wouldn't wish on anybody. Except. possibly, Dr Sam Bliss.

WHMEN TRUE

For a moment last night, as the final episode of Bliss (ITV) neared its end, there was hope With plague threatening to wipe out the population of a small Norfolk village and eventually Britain. your hero (really, I want no part of him) swallowed the experimental genetically engineered vaccine from Porton Down. With that he kissed his aiready dying love-interest, Dr Melanie Kilpatrick, and snuggled up to her. In a church. Die, die, I hissed. But on the next day, he rose again — plague-free. He had saved Norfolk, Britain and quite possibly the world. Imagine how annoying this self-important prig will be next time.

The problem with Bliss, you see, is Bliss (Simon Shepherd). He's ghastly. Without him, you could forgive plots like last night's, which was part-Quatermass, part-Dr. Who and especially part-Doomwatch, from the early 1970s. Plague returns to Britain - it's a perfectly good story and Simon Eden, the writer, had given it a decent enough twist by making it pneumonic rather than run-of-the-

But Biss had to come along summoned by an elderly pathologist who ought to have known better, and stick his interfering nose in. Within minutes the local GP discovered what we learnt episodes ago — that Bliss is a cliamitess medaling bossy knowall. Do this, do that Eventually, said GP turned savage. What gives you the right to contradict me in frontof my patients? I cheered. What gives you the right to put patients' lives at risk? replied

Bliss (boo), demonstrating the bedside manner that sent him into full-time research. Later, said GP was shot dead by the Army (I looked for Brigadier Lethbridge-Stewart), so that was all right.

s one of ITV's small band of Aleading mean support to have been able to leading men, Shepherd make Bliss somebody we might want to spend at least a little time with. But the writers and producers made a difficult task all but impossible by creating an infallible bore, a man who could diagnose plague in two minutes: who could not only identify lapis solaris, but knew its full, hermetic history, and who was bang up to speed with the latest top-secret research from Porton Down. Above all, however, it is Bliss's

unique talent for muscling in on

other people's problems that made

him such an extraordinary pain.

Excuse me, who's in charge

here?" he asked last night, in that irritating, jobsworth manner which in real life would ensure

that he got thumped several times

an episode. As for the awful pros-

pect of another series, I can only

embrace the melodramatic vernac-

ular: "All we can do now is wait ... and pray." The problem with The Last Governor (BBCI) was very different - Chris Patten is, after all.

guy. The problem is the choice of narrative tense. This five part series cries out to have been shown in the run-up to the handover of Hong Kong, but the impressive access enjoyed by Jonathan Dimbleby presumably made that impossible. The result is a series that has arrived three days too late to be current affairs and three years too early to be history, especially as Dimbleby seems reluctant to conclude whether his friend was a good or a bad thing.

Tense also arose as a problem from the film's parily fly-on-thewall format, in that the events of five years ago were told in the present tense, through contemporaneous chais with Patten and interviews with members of Hong Kong's business and political community. Just when you thought you were getting the hang of it. Dimbleby would crop up in the present, to but the recent past in

widely held to be an all-round nice some sort of historical perspective. This "history in the making" lark is not as easy as it looks.

> The result was occasionally confusing, disappointing for those hoping for more than a tantalising glimpse of a Patten daughter, but thoroughly absorbing. Many of the difficult questions we asked ourselves on Monday evening as we watched the Prince of Wales getting soaked, such as "so why was Hong Kong British?" were answered, but not - or not yet - the most difficult. Did Patten weep because he was leaving, or cause he had failed?

Despite the friendly nature of the film (last night it was established that Patten and Dimbleby at least cross croquet mallets sociallv), it was impossible not to incline towards the latter. It seemed that the "through train of democracy" that Patten talked about so much had indeed been derailed by the

Chinese and that the local tycoons had been proved right in believing that there was no point in antagonising the Chinese. But perhaps, in subsequent episodes, we shall learn that the important thing was to have tried.

Finally, Channel 4 offered us A Bill Called William, a rather nicely made film marking the 30th anniversary of the passing of the 1967 Sexual Offences Act. Viscount Norwich supplied some fairly unrepeatable humour, and an impressive cast of politicians — Leo Abse. Tam Dalyell, Barbara Castle, Roy Jenkins, Teddy Taylor recalled their respective contributions to the legislative process against a billowing backdrop of muscled male torso. There was also a great soundtrack, confirming that the Devil has indeed passed on the best tunes to the gay community. Together, apparently, with some Neil Sedaka records he ingu tahih

#### BBC1 6,00am Business Breakfast (53655) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (T) (58013)

9.00 Breakfast News Extra (f) (3780094) 9.20 Ready, Steady, Cook (r) (1) (1104100) 9.50 Kilroy (T) (5883568) 10,30 Glorie's Time Off with Cilla Black

10.45 News (T) Regional News and weather (3610948)

10.50 Cricket: Third Test England v Australia Tony Lewis introduces coverage of the opening session of day two from Old Trafford. Continues on BBC2 (31617655) 12,35pm Neighbours (T) (8287346) 1.00 News (I) and weather (51100)

1,30 Regional News (T) (42862617) 1.40 Wimbledon 97 Live coverage of the men's singles semi-finals (38216891) 4.10 To Me — to You (7) (4649297) 4.35 Clarissa Explains it All (r) (7) (8334696 5.00 Newsround (7) (1470704) 5.10 Record Breakers (r) (7) (4068617)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (1) (314029) 6.00 News (T) and weather (907) 6.30 Regional News Magazine (87) WALES: 6.55 Budget Response by Plaid Cymre

(581452) 7.00 Big Break Trick Shot Spi introduced by Jim Davidson and Jehn Virgo with guests Wille Thome and Dennis Taylor, golfing ace Sam Torrance and American trick-shot specialist Miles

Massey (1) (5278) 7.30 Top of the Pops The best of the current chart sounds and live performances (I)

8.00 Porridge: A Day Out The inmates face a day of hard labour digging drains on the Cumberland moors. With Ronnie Barker and Richard Beckinsale (r) (1) (4926)

Aurille's Sporting Bloomers Terry Wogan presently a humorous look at the embagassing things that happen to sports personal ties: (1) (3433) 1.00 News (1) Regional News and Meaning

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been ransacked by burglars (r) (T) 1.05 Today at Wimbledon Sue Barker presents highlights from the men's singles semi-finals (9836891)

10 Deadly Identity (1990) with Mark Harmon, Mirrit Rogers and Paul Gleason. When a man vanishes; the detective hired wife. But then a murderous secret haunts him. Directed by Ivan Passer (67761549) 15am The Beast with Five Fingers (1946, b/w) with Peter Lorre, Andrea King and living in a remote villa in Italy meets a sudden death in mysterious circum-stances. The will, which leaves all his-wealth to his private nurse, is immediately contested, sparking the arrival of menacino creature — a murderous hand.

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### 6.00am Open University: A Migrant's Heart (7384588) 6.25 Cuestions of National

signing) (8229384) 7.30 Moomin (t): (7348742) 7.55 The Adventures of Skippy (f) (6289094) 8.20 Mt Benn (f) (6867075) 8.35 The Record

Yesterday at Wimbledon Ladies' singles semi-finals highlights (83384) 19.00 Teletobbles (10365)

10.00 Teleconomies (10.00)
10.30 Kroning the World Under the Sea (1905) with Lloyd Bridges, Shirley Eaton, 1906 Faire Kelly and David McCellum, Sc-fi. yard about the adventures of the crew of an utilia modern submarine as they trave the world's oceans in search of te earthquake warning signs. Directed by Andrew Biarton (94391162)

in Joshua Jones (r) (8854297) 12:30 Wimbledon 97 and Cricket Tennis: Desmond Lynam and Sus Barker present action from the 12th day in SW19, when the semi-linets of the men's singles and tadies doubles are scheduled weather permitting. Cricket: Further coverage of second day of the third Test between England and Australia Includes News and weather at 3.00 and 3.55 (1233278) 8.30 A Weekend on Mars Clive Anderson

ligicks off an evening of documentaries to

celebrate the touchdown of Nasa's

Palitinder robot on Mars (1) (733433)



Horizon Special: Destination Mars The story of three decades of Mars exploration from Nasa's Jet Propussion Laboratory and Russia's Lavotchian to the team monito ing Pathfinder's every move (1) (881549) 9.30 Mars to Clive Anderson The news from Mars as it happens. Clive will be joined in the studio by Patrick Moore, British

scientist and Mars expert Dr Monica Grady, and British astronaut Mike Foale, interviewed via satellite as he orbits Earth

10.10 What Have the Martians Ever Done for Us Comedy cfips featuring aliens (587655) Followed by UK Image (375907) 10.20 Space Jammin' Records that have been dedicated to Martians (255443)

10.30 Newsnight (T) (321384) 11.20 Budget Response by the Liberal Democrats (T) (374891).

11.25 The A Force Roy Diamond hosts the black entertainment series, interviewing Michelle Gayle (577452) Followed by Weather 1.00am Warm Nights on a Slow Moving Train (1987) A young woman turns to prostitution to help support her disabled brother. Steamy drama with Wendy

Hughes, Directed by Bob Ellis (70582)

### HTV

6.00am GMTV (4323100) 9.25 Supermarket Sweep (1105839) 9.55 Regional News (8617556) 10.00 The Time, the Place (49461) 10.30 This Morning (94395988) 12.20pm Your Shout (8850471) 12.25 Regional News (8859742) 12.30 News (T) and weather (8206471) 12.55 Regional News (8281162)

1.25 Home and Away (T) (37993907) 1.50 London Bridge (r) (8220617) 2.50 High Road (8796029)

3.20 News (1321568) 3.25 Regional News (1320839)

3.30 Rosie and Jim (4620013) 3.40 Cartoon Time (1911636) 3.50 The Treacte People (1900520) 4.00 Zzzap (4546723) 4.15 The Real Ghostbusters (4633636) 4.40 Get Wet (8859568)

5.10 The Totally Friday Show (1024471) 5.40 News (1) and weather (484907) 6.00 Home and Away (1) (1) (468742) 8.25 London Weekend Tonight (7) (519839) 7.00 Lincky Numbers (1) (7966)

7.30 Coronation Street The Websters face a harrowing time when little Rosie goes missing (1) (839) 8.00 The Bill Daly and Skase grow suspicious of a tip-off leading them to a jeweller dealing in stolen goods (T) (9094)



Presenter Cilla Black (8.30pm)

8.30 Surprise! Surprise! Cilla Black returns with a new series of the popular entertainment show (7) (38029) 9.30 Tarrant on TV Chris Tarrant presents his tongue-in-cheek overview of global television (T) (96389)

10.00 News (T) and weather (87452) 10.29 LWT Weether (362433) 10.30 Budget '97 The Liberal Democrats' response (T) (983549)

nters New series lollowing the work of the police in the past decade 11.10 Capital Cafe New live entertainment

show featuring music and chat (508181)

12.40am London Weekend Tonight (8071501) 12.50 Presumed Guilty (1991) Drama based on real events, with Martin Sheen, Brendan Fraser, Carolyn Kava and Mark Metcalf. A teanager is wrongly convicted of murder, prompting his father to se

about clearing the lad's name. Directed by Paul Wendkos (700211) 2.35 The LADS New series celebrating lad culture (T) (2199899) ·3.05 Bonkers (T) (6376018)

5,30 News (83650)

4.00 Heiter Skeiter (T) (1550308) 4.50 Collins and Maconie's Movie Club (1) (22252124)

12.55-1.25 Shortland Street (8281162) 1,50 Surprise Chefs (59878810)

2.20 Put it to the Test (66789452) 2.50-3.20 Serve You Right (8796029) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (1024471) 6.00 Meridian Tonight (21384) 10.29 Pollen Count (362433)

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10,30 Meridian News and Weather (537159) 10.50 Highlander (316033) 11.50 Wiseguy (255162)

CENTRAL

12.45am Campus Cops (3256399) 1.10 Film: Silhouette (892292) 2.45 Bonkers (622747) 3.45 Collins and Maconle's Movie Club

4.10 Helter Skelter (1534360) 5.00 Freescreen (30143)

#### CENTRAL As London except:

12.55pm-1.25 Country Practice (8281162) 1.50 Murder, She Wrote (4854471) 2.40-3.20 Secrets from the Secret Garden

8.00 Garden Party The team visit the gardens of Sudeley Castle 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (1024471) in Gloucestershire (T) (7636) 6.25-7.00 Central News (519839) 10.45 Film: In the Line of Duty: Mob Justice s finally over for Jackie and Jimmy (T)

4.45am Central Jobfinder '97 (4108308) 5.20 Asian Eye (9746292)

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3.45 Collins and Maconie's Movie Club (98449389) 4.10 Helter Skelter (1534360)

#### HTY WEST As London except:

5.00 Coronation Street (30143)

12.55pm-1.25 Designed by (8281162) 1.50 Murder, She Wrote (8220617) 2.49 HTV Crimestoppers (1051907)

2.50-3.20 Garden Calendar (8796029) 5.10-5.40 A Country Practice (1024471) 5.57-6.00 HTV Pollen Count (180452) 6.25 HTV Weather (714568) 6.30-7.00 The West Tonight (655) 10.30 The West Tonight Update (963549) 10.39 HTV Pollen Count (230723) 10.45 Who Killed Cabot? (858013) 11.20 Videotech (813461)

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### CHANNEL 4

6.00 am Sesame Street (r) (46365) 7.00 The Big Breaktast (41723) 9.00 Bewitched (r) (T) (77029) 9.30 Metropolis (r) (T) (32891) 10.30 Frontier Marshal (1939, b/w) with Randolph Scott and Cesar Romero. A retetting of the shootout at the OK Corral

Directed by Altan Dwan (8776433) 11.45 Cow on the Frontier (6608384) 12.00 Garden Party (r) (T) (84365) 12.30pm Caroline in the City (r) (T) (11907) 1.00 Springhall (T) (44810)

1.30 Lancashire Coast A 1955 travelogue (42879907)

1.45 Tracks of Glory (1991) with Phil Morris and Richard Roxburgh. Conclusion of the Australian fact-based drama that began yesterday. Directed by Marcus Cole (93677094)

3.30 Here's One I Made Earlier (T) (433) 4.00 Fifteen-Io-One (T) (568) 4.30 Countdown (T) (8328075) 4.55 Ricki Lake (T) [2351758) 5.30 Pet Rescue. A golden triever puppy is rescued (r) (T) (704)

6.00 The Avengers (r) (T) (29926) 7.00 Channel 4 News (T) (753100)

7.50 Singles A Madonna lookalike visits the singles bar (626384)

8.30 Brookside The Johnsons bid an emotional farewell to Gladys; and the wait

9.00 Friends: The One with the Princess Leia Fantasy The comedy series returns with Ross confiding a sexual fantasy to Rachel (1)

9.30 Cybill: Sex, Drugs and Catholicism Cybill and Maryann meet Hotly, Ira's new girlfriend (T) (24471)

10.00 Frasier: Can't Buy Me Love The radio shrink agrees to be a "biddable date" at a celebrity charity auction (r) (T) (65094) 10.30 Harry Hill Sketches and stand-up cornedy (6/8) (T) (851100)



Grant and Seigner (11.05pm)

11.05 Bitter Moon (1992) with Peter Coyote, Hugh Grant, Emmanuelle Seigner and Kristin Scott Thomas Drama about a man who gradually corrupts a repress tish couple while on a cruise. Directed by Roman Polanski (T) (32623549)

1.40am Cui De Sac (1966, b/w) Donald Pleasence and Françoise Dorleac star in this macabre thriller directed by Roman Potanski (T) (183056) 3.40 Swerve Thriller with a gruesome twist (r)

4.00 The Tickle Four London crooks get

together for a job (r) (52136872) 4.15 Over She Goes (1937, h/w) with Stanley Lupino and Laddie Ciiff. Screen version of a successful West End musical. Directed by Graham Cutts (75785)

#### CHANNEL 5

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6.00 am 5 News Early (9752520)

7.30 Havakazoo (7595907) 8.00 Adventures of the Bush Patrol (7485704) 8.30 WideWorld (7484075)

9.00 Espresso (3185365) 10.00 Hospital Live (1) (5164075) 10.30 The Car Show (1) (7404839)

11.00 Leeza (6046655) 11.50 Double Espresso (19897013) 12.00 The Bold and the Beautiful (T) (7488891) 12.30pm Family

Affairs (r) (T) (4069549) 1.09 5 News Update (T) (11162425) 1.05 Sunset Beach (T) (8002636) 2.00 5's



Boyd and Loren (3.30pm)

3.30 The Fall of the Roman Empire (1964) Conclusion of the historical epic, with Sophia Loren and Stephen Boyd Directed by Anthony Mann (1501636)

5.20 Hospital Live from Guy's (68125549) 5.30 100 Per Cent (7905029) 6.00 Move on Up (T) (7822742)

7.00 Hospital Live in the final programme former patients explain how their fives have dramatically improved since they

received organ transplants (6172433) 7.30 Treasure Islands: Island of the Bears A look at the brown bears of Alaska (T)

8.00 Attractions Featuring the American Adventure World theme park in Derbyshire, the London Aquarium and Madame

8.30 5 News (T) (6177988) 9.00 The Other Woman (1994) with Jill Elkenberry and Lloyd Bridges. Melo-drama about a divorced mother-of-two

who learns that she has cancer. Directed by Gabrielle Beaumont (60974384) 10.50 The Jack Docherty Show (1619452)

11.35 Prisoner: Cell Block H (4409687) 12.35am Confessions of a Driving
Instructor (1976) Adult cornedy with
Robin Askwith, Anthony Booth and
Windsor Davies, Directed by Norman

Cohen (5358143) 2.15 The Road Home (1989) Drama with Donald Sutherland Directed by Hugh Hudson (7121308)

4.15 The Plough and the Stars (1936, b/w) with Barbara Stanwyck, Preston Foster and Barry Fitzgerald. Adaptation of Sean Casey's emotive play, directed by John Ford (61840768) 5,30 100 Per Cent (r) (3166230)

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8.00pm WCW Nitro (87227907) 9.00 The Gypsy Moths (1969) (87220094) 11.00 The Battle of the Sense (1960) (89731297) 12.25sm What a Care Upi (1982) (82010550) 1.55 Despecta Search (1952) (56454582) 3.10-5.00 The Gypsy Moths (1966) (27420360) SKY SPORTS 1

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12.00 Extreme Sport (12776839) 12.30pm Formula Three Bacing (50387723) 1.30 US

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Chill wind of experience blows Henman and Rusedski off course in quarter-finals

## British hopes freeze in cold climate

By Julian Muscat Tennis correspondent

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A COLD climate of realism intruded on British hopes at Wimbledon yesterday when Tim Henman and Greg Rusedski succumbed to unseeded opponents in the quarter-finals. After their earlier exploits, which promised so much, the two Britons wilted badly against players with a greater knowledge of tennis at this level.

Henman's defeat left a gaping hole in the impression that he had created when defeating Richard Krajicek 24 hours earlier. His dismissal of the defending champion seemed to confirm his readiness for a match with Michael Stich, the winner here six years ago. It proved no more than a mirage. For the past four weeks. Henman's service has been erratic: a fusillade of double



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faults redeemed by big winners. That kink, ironed out against Krajicek, returned to betray him yesterday and Stich, who prevailed 6-3, 6-2, 6-1, was far too streetwise to let Henman off the hook.

Rusedski, too, suffered from a weakness in his normally destructive serve. Having started badly against Cedric Pioline, of France, Rusedski was let back into the match rhen his opponent faltered. Ultimately, however, he was beaten with something to spare. Pioline, who won 6-4, 6-4, 6-3, returned Rusedski's serve with rare aplomb, forcing the Briton to strike volleys from around shin height. That has never been Rusedski's forte and his final gesture of these champiionships - throwing his towel to the crowd summarised the nature of his performance.

Henman started on the offensive, generating an opportunity against serve in the

Point of no return: the scoreboard tells the tale as Henman contemplates match point against him in his quarter-final against Stich yesterday. Photograph: Marc Aspland started making double faults. he lost a lost of confidence. He audience. Large sections of opening game of the match. served successive double second set. Henman was by

Although he could not convert it, he was striking the ball so fluently that Stich must have braced himself for a lengthy encounter. Little could he have known that a rain break, delaying play for two hours and 43 minutes, would last longer than the match itself.

From the opening game, Stich could hardly have anticinated the flaws within Henman's tennis. In the eighth game of the set, he

faults - the second embracing a mis-hit second service - and left Stich contemplating three break points. The crowd, so inspired in Henman's earlier matches, had long since fallen silent. Henman's quick net reflexes saved the first two before another double fault sealed his fate.

The theme persisted when another double fault by Henman left him facing two break points at I-I in the

now remonstrating with himself and Stich, never one to miss a trick, simply kept the ball in play, waiting for his opponent to err. Henman duly obliged, suffering another ser-vice break -- facilitated by two more double faults - and Stich reeled off five consecutive games to take a two-set

advantage. All the while. Stich exacerbated Henman's turbulent emotions by serving flawlessly, hitting the ball deep into the service court, where Henman's services rattled the net, After a run of three service games to love, Stich targeted the Henman serve at 3-3, breaking it with a low return that Henman could not control. The rest was routine stuff from a player well versed in consolidating an advantage.

"Tactically I played very smart," Stich said. "I didn't ever give him a chance. He served badly and after he

started staying back on his second serve and that showed me he was in trouble." On his man, who is retiring at the end of the year, said: "I did not come here to retire, I came. here to win the championship." It bodes well for his semi-final with Pioline.

Rusedski's morning start prefaced his defeat by Pioline in front of a lackadasical

bare seating smothered the occasion in a blanket of emptiness as a Briton played for a place among the last four. It was not the only surprise to unfold on No I Court

Rusedski later clung to the barely sustainable line that he thrived on inspired support. However, what he refused to condemn in words, he condemned by his limp performance. Crisis engulfed him in matter of minutes, succ-

ing his loss of the opening game with barely a whimper. Pioline, for his part, indulged in some speciacular tennis. He claimed the opening set for the loss of six points on service — in the process ensuring that late-comers immediately sensed the muted atmosphere. True, Pioline faltered in the second set when, after an exchange of breaks, he twice served double faults at 4-5 before netting a routine volley on set point. From that moment, though, the outcome

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was never in the balance. Rusedski looked ponderous to the extent that Pioline would later inquire of his fitness. "I was just fatigued," Rusedski said afterwards. "I have played something matches in 35 weeks." That is one way of looking at it. An alternative synopsis is that Rusedski played for 20 min-

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utes on Tuesday last week, not at all on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday and enjoyed a day of rest before this match. It bodes ill for his future in grand-slam events if his stamina truly failed him over these rain-affected championships.

A more pertinent observa tion, to which Rusedski also alluded, was the high stan-dard of Pioline's play. Four years ago, Pioline was ranked in the world's top ten. It showed in the venom of his service return, a spiteful shet that he struck with unremitting accuracy and the high quality of his volleys.

In the other quarter-finals, Mark Woodforde, of Australia, beat Nicolas Kjefer, of Germany, 7-6, 2-6, 6-0, 6-4. One of three unseeded players in the semi-finals. Woodforde now plays Pete Sampras, the No I seed: Sampras defeated Boris Becker, also in four sets. The most poignant outcome to the match was Becker's announcement that this has been his last Wimbledon.

Martina Hingis, the No l seed, won through to the women's final tomorrow with a 6-3, 6-2 defeat of Anna Kournikova, of Russia, Her opponent will be Jana Novotna, of the Czech Republic, who beat Arantxa Sánchez Vicario, of Spain, also in straight sets.

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### England grip loosens as Waugh rises above testing conditions

BY ALAN LEE CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

OLD TRAFFORD (first day of five, Australia won toss): Aus tralia have scored 224 for seven wickets against England

IFTHERE is such a thing as a good toss to lose, Old Trafford provided it yesterday morning. And if, in this apology for a summer, there is a time to velcome stoppages for bad light, Manchester supplied that, too. England, the benefi-ciaries on both counts, will feel that the Ashes are consequently a significant step closer. despite their efforts being upstaged by a superbly resource-ful century from Steve Waugh.

This gripping, though shortened, opening to the third Test match may even turn out to be the key day of the Cornhill series. Not only because England took seven wickets three to the debutant. Dean Headley — and held the initiative until their disciplines were mislaid in a brief and fruitless final session, but for the psychological clout of it.

Australia arrived here buoyed. They believed this was their stage, the place where the series would shift course, yet they went back to their hotel last night not quite in the disarray they might have been, but most certainly dismayed.

Their batting. Waugh honourably excepted, had been undermined on a pitch made precisely to English specifications. How much of their dismay they will lay at the door of the captain, coach and whoever else was responsible for the decision to bat first. only they will know. How they will come back from it today, in what may well be a lowscoring Test open to all man-ner of fluctuations, will be Manchester morning fundamental to the outcome of Mark Taylor was presum-

ably working on precedent, or perhaps on some perverse hunch, when the coin fell his way again. Maybe he felt that the demons of the day were all in the imagination, or he might have summoned the memory of 1993, when England, believing a damp pitch would aid their seam attack, bowled first and watched the Australian openers put on more than a hundred. He could even have read and digested the statistic that no Test here has been won by a team putting the opposition in.

this series.

Whatever, he got it wrong and Michael Atherton, who was about to take a deep breath and defy history, was saved the trouble and stress. He has lost all three tosses so far this series and, twice before, he would erroneously have batted first. This time, with the conviction of local knowledge, he had no doubts. Peter Marron's pitch was grassed and, after

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another showery night, clamslate grey. Conditions for seam bowling, indeed, could hardly have been more propitious.

Only two Australians resisted for long and one of these, Matthew Elliott, might have been out to almost every ball he faced in the opening hour. His 40, occupying 32 overs and almost as many moral defeats, was a triumph of survival, but Waugh, making his thirteenth Test century, gave a lesson in technique. Throughout the day, the ball moved extravagantly off the pitch. At times, expecially

on a still afternoon, it also swung and the problems were exacerbated by occasional steep bounce and a desperately slow outfield. These were disagreeable circumstances for any batsman, but Waugh. predominantly on the back foot, played with hawk-eyed vigilance. Periodically, there was a poised drive through mid-on or extra-cover, otherwise, the innings was one of pushes, deflections and watch-

ful defence. Without him, Australia would have been out for a pittance. This, indeed, seemed the likeliest outcome during the initial 20 overs, as England took three wickets and might easily have had five or six Taylor, who said he had hatted for 412 hours at Southampton without playing and missing, lapsed after three balls here. He was then struck on the helmet in Headley's first over before, in his third. being turned square-on and

caught at first slip. While Elliott groped and lunged, usually without contact. Greg Blewett allowed one

ball from Darren Gough to cut back over the top of middle stump and chopped the next into leg stump. Gough rested with one for ten from eight overs, but Headley, darting the ball around while main-

taining a good line, was at least equally impressive. Mark Waugh's dismissal was soft. He had just dispatched two short, wide balls from Mark Ealham for four when he needlessly followed an equally wide, if fuller one and was caught behind. Elliott's luck deserted him at last when he was out similarly to Headley, who then produced something almost unplayable

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to remove the unhappy Michaei Bevan.

There were two afternoon delays for drizzle and grim light before Ian Healy, taken down the leg side, and Shane Warne brought Stewart's tally to five catches. In the final hour of cricket, after the longest interruption of the day, he could and should have increased it, for he missed Paul Reiffel off Headley on 13 and then caught him off Robert Croft in the final over. only for umpire Sharp to rule

there had been no contact. This was a cruel end for England, especially with Waugh raising his bat in the same over for a thoroughly deserved century that would have been beyond most players in the world.

The eighth wicket has so far added 64 and, as conditions were not conspicuously easier, they may be influential runs.

